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Mideast crude oil prices dip below \$10

TOKYO, Oct 25, (Reuters): The price of a barrel of Middle East crude oil has tumbled below \$10 due to OPEC's failure to convince the market it would curb excess production. Far East oil industry sources said today.

The benchmark Middle East crude, from Dubai, has plunged by more than \$1.80 to around \$9.85 since Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries ministers ended talks in Madrid on Saturday with no clear message to boost crumbling oil prices.

"There was a common feeling that OPEC failed to achieve anything," said an oil trader for a Japanese company. "If they had had a consensus on any point, they would have issued a communiqué, which they did not."

Industry sources said oil prices would have to fall still further to force the 13-nation group to take decisive measures to rescue the market.

"I think that they need another dollar decline before they can come to any comprehensive agreement," one refiner said.

OPEC has had a target price of \$18 a barrel for oil since Dec 1986.

Direct talks

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 25, (Reuters): The United Nations today asked Morocco and the Polisario Front to begin direct negotiations "in the shortest possible time" aimed at a Western Sahara ceasefire and referendum on the territory's future.

The vote in the decolonisation committee of the General Assembly was 87 to none with 53 members abstaining.

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WEATHER

TEMPERATURE will be above normal with light to moderate easterly wind.

State of sea: slight to moderate

High water: 10.00 am

Low water: 6.00 am, 7.00 pm

Sunrise: 5.57 am

Sunset: 5.07 pm

Maximum temperatures recorded:

Kuwait: 38°C/100°F

Ahmad: 36°C/97°F

Falaka: 34°C/93°F

Minimum temperatures recorded:

Kuwait: 17°C/63°F

Ahmad: 20°C/68°F

Falaka: 21°C/70°F

Maximum temperatures expected:

Kuwait: 37°C/99°F

Ahmad: 35°C/95°F

Falaka: 33°C/91°F

Minimum temperatures expected:

Kuwait: 14°C/57°F

Ahmad: 16°C/61°F

Falaka: 18°C/64°F

Maximum humidity expected:

Kuwait: 48 per cent

Ahmad: 54 per cent

Falaka: 58 per cent

Thousands of Filipinos made homeless

Typhoon Ruby sinks ship with 511 aboard

MANILA, Oct 25, (Agencies): Hundreds of people were missing today from a passenger ship that sank when typhoon Ruby lashed the Philippines before moving into the South China Sea. The storm killed at least 97 other people and left tens of thousands homeless.

Ruby hit the main island of Luzon with torrential rains and winds reaching 224 kilometres (140 miles) per hour. By late today, it was heading west in the South China Sea with winds of 257 kilometres (160 miles) per hour.

The storm caused widespread flooding on Luzon and other islands, triggering landslides and washing away bridges. Agriculture Secretary Carlos Dominguez said preliminary estimates put damage to crops at \$45.7 million.

Damage

Casualty and damage reports were incomplete because of poor communications. Figures compiled from the Red Cross and various government agencies showed 26 dead in Antique province, 20 in Occidental Mindoro, 15 in Zamboanga del Sur province, 11 in Cagayan de Oro, 11 in Manila's Marikina suburb, six on Camiguin island, three in Nueva Ecija, two in Surigao city, and one each in Pampanga, Bulacan and Iloilo.

Coast Guard officials confirmed today that the 2,845-ton passenger liner Dona Marilyn sank the day before in the stormy Visayas Sea, about 500 kilometres (300 miles) southeast of Manila.

The vessel was carrying 451 passengers and 60 crew members from Manila to Tacloban on Leyte island when it radioed a distress call, said Carlos Go, general manager of Sulpicio Lines, owner of the vessel. It was unclear how many people were lost.

Lt. Rey Esguerra of the Coast Guard station in Cebu said rescuers found 11 survivors on Maripipi island and another small island and that four people were found in the water.

Vicente Gambito, vice-president of Sulpicio Lines, said a total of 18 survivors had been rescued. Search operations were suspended late today because of darkness and bad weather but were to resume tomorrow.

Colliding

The Dona Marilyn was the replacement ship for the Dona Paz, a Sulpicio Lines ship that sank after colliding with an oil tanker off Mindoro island on Dec 20, 1987. Authorities believe more than 3,000 people died in what was the worst known peacetime accident at sea.

Elsewhere, officials said 25 people were missing in the southern Mindanao island coastal city

of Cagayan de Oro. Fifteen others were missing in Zamboanga del Sur province and an undetermined number were missing after a crowded bus plunged into a swollen river yesterday in Antique province.

Swept

The Weather Service said Ruby's centre passed about 80 kilometres (50 miles) east of Manila early today and swept into the provinces of Tarlac, Bulacan and Nueva Ecija, the Philippine's rice-producing heartland.

Government meteorologists said more than 22 centimetres (nine inches) of rain fell at Manila's airport in 24 hours. Domestic flights were cancelled but international service operated normally.

President Corason Aquino today visited Marikina, the hardest hit district in the Manila area, and met with some of the thousands who fled their homes to escape flood waters.

Two US helicopters from Clark Air Base joined Filipino troops and civilian volunteers in rescuing hundreds stranded on rooftops, trees and lamp posts in the flooded area.

In Zamboanga, two Philippine Navy ships sank yesterday after being battered by heavy waves. There were no casualties. A tugboat owned by the state-run Philippine National Oil Company also sank on the Bataan peninsula, but there were no casualties.

Flooding

Power outages and widespread flooding hit Manila early today as Ruby approached. Schools, government offices, Manila's two stock exchanges and many private businesses were closed as strong winds and rains buffeted the capital throughout the day.

The Department of Education said schools would remain closed tomorrow because of widespread flooding and lack of electricity. Schools also were being used as evacuation centres.

The Department of Social Welfare said at least 110,000 of the nation's 56 million people were left homeless by the storm. More than 400,000 people were "affected," meaning their homes were damaged or destroyed, the government said.

Ruby was the 18th typhoon or tropical storm to hit the Philippines this year and was the strongest typhoon to hit Luzon since Patsy, which killed at least 175 people in 1970.

The Philippine Red Cross said 26 bodies had been recovered from the wreckage of a bus that plunged off a bridge yesterday in Antique province of Panay island during high winds and heavy rains.

Officials said there were conflicting reports on how many were aboard the bus.



Victims of typhoon Ruby line up for bread in Manila evacuation centre. (Reuters wirephoto)

Assad sends message

Shara holds talks on Lebanon with Amir

KUWAIT, Oct 25, (Agencies): Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq Al Shara, who made an unannounced visit to Kuwait today, delivered a message from President Hafez Al Assad to HH the Amir.

Shara is on a tour of Gulf states to discuss the Lebanese crisis. He arrived in Abu Dhabi later today.

Before leaving Kuwait, Shara said he was satisfied with the Amir's "valuable opinions" concerning the Arab situation in general and the Lebanese situation in particular.

Asked about a call by several Arab leaders, led by United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan, for an Arab summit meeting in Lebanon, Shara said Syria "welcomes any Arab effort."

Meanwhile, Syrian Vice-President Abdul Halim Khaddam arrived in Amman and met with King Hussein to discuss the deepening crisis in Lebanon.

Khaddam

Syrian sources in Damascus said Khaddam was carrying an "urgent message" from Al Assad to the Jordanian monarch. But they would not disclose details.

The official Jordanian news agency, Petra, reported Khaddam's arrival and the meeting with Hussein without elaboration.

The sudden flurry in Syrian diplomatic activity followed calls for an emergency Arab summit to avert the formal partition of

US cautiously welcomes Aqaba meeting

WASHINGTON, Oct 25, (Agencies): The United States yesterday gave a cautious welcome to the weekend meeting in Aqaba involving Egypt, Jordan and the PLO on Middle East peace prospects.

"We welcome any development which focuses on the need for a political process moving toward peace," State Department spokesman Charles Redman said.

Redman said he could not provide a fuller response because the department had not yet received details of the talks which were brokered by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and involved Jordan's King Hussein and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat.

Egyptian and Jordanian leaders said they made progress in healing a two-year rift between Jordan and the PLO.

Closer

Norwegian Defence Minister Johan Joergen Holst yesterday said recent meetings of Arab leaders showed "something is happening" which will bring closer an international peace conference to settle the Arab-Israeli crisis.

Commenting on the Aqaba meeting Holst said: "I think this meeting serves eloquent notice that something is happening (with) a new initiative and a new momentum."

Turkey is ready to recognise any Palestinian state proclaimed by the PNC provided all Arab countries do so first, a senior Turkish official said today.

Iranian by-elections

NICOSIA, Oct 25, (Reuters): Iran will hold by-elections on Saturday to fill 16 vacancies in the 270-seat parliament, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported today.

The new round of meetings would be fruitful and contribute to building confidence between the parties.

"I am encouraged by the fact that both sides appear ready to show their goodwill by proceeding with some repatriation (of prisoners) in the near future. For the sake of those concerned, I deeply hope that this will be possible in the near future," he added without giving details.

UN-mediated talks aimed at implementing a Gulf peace resolution adopted by the Security Council in July 1987 opened in Geneva on Aug 25 this

year, five days after the start of a ceasefire in the eight-year Gulf war.

They were attended by Foreign Ministers Ali Akbar Velayati of Iran and Tariq Aziz of Iraq.

The negotiations adjourned on Sept 13 and were resumed briefly in New York on Oct 1, but with few signs of progress.

Meanwhile, Iran told the International Red Cross yesterday that it is ready for swift repatriation of prisoners from the Iran-Iraq war under a UN peace plan, but it awaits Iraq's full agreement.

Ministerial meeting will be held in Kuwait

Gulf efforts to clear mines

KUWAIT, Oct 25, (Reuters): Iran and Iraq will join other Gulf states next week to discuss how to remove mines, shipwrecks and other threats to shipping left by the eight-year Gulf war, officials and diplomats said today.

Badrya Al Awadhi, co-ordinator of the Kuwait-based Regional Organisation for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME), said Kuwait had convened an extraordinary ROPME ministerial meeting to be held in the northern Gulf state on Oct 31 and Nov 1.

Objects

"We will work on a plan on how to remove shipwrecks that exist after the war and other objects which might hinder international navigation," she said, adding mines could also be included.

Another source who asked not to be named said the main impetus was the threat to Gulf shipping posed by dozens of mines laid by Iran and Iraq near the northern Gulf coast.

"Kuwait wants to remove the danger of its shipping lanes as the mines come adrift," the source said.

US naval sources say there could be around 200 mines left in the northern Gulf, many too close to the coast for foreign minesweepers sent to the waterway last year.

Winter storms are likely to tear some of them from their moorings and carry them south into international shipping lanes, the sources say. The Kuwaiti Navy has already discovered several off its coast.

ROPME was formed in 1982 by all eight states on the Gulf — Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Oman — to fight pollution in the waterway.

Spills

The organisation has tackled oil spills resulting from Gulf war air raids but not the presence of mines.

Diplomats said ROPME was an ideal forum because of its successful record of co-operation between Iran and the Gulf Arab states despite political tension spawned by the war.

"We have a gentleman's agreement that the environment is everyone's concern... Both Iran and Iraq co-operated very well during the war in council meetings, training workshops and seminars," Badrya said.

She said Iran's Deputy Prime Minister for Environmental

Affairs Hadi Manafi and Iraq's health minister would attend the meeting next week.

ROPME would not discuss the Shatt Al Arab, the disputed river dividing Iran and Iraq at the head of the Gulf now blocked by dozens of war-damaged ships, Badrya said.

An Iraqi demand to clear the Shatt is at the centre of Iran-Iraq peace talks due to resume in Geneva on Oct 31. The belligerents attacked more than 500 ships in the Gulf itself before an Aug 20 ceasefire but very few of them sunk.

The United States, the Soviet Union and five European states rushed minesweepers to the region last year after mines widely blamed on Iran were found in shipping lanes handling one-fifth of the non-communist world's oil.

Foreign minesweepers have cleared the southern Gulf and Iran has carried out its own minesweeping since the ceasefire, covering large areas of its coastal waters.

Cleared

Iran will sweep international seaways in the Gulf once it has cleared all its coastal waters of mines, Iran's Navy commander was quoted as saying yesterday.

Speaking in the Gulf port of Mahshahr, he said two sweeping operations which started in the northern Gulf and the Hormuz Strait were converging on the central part of the waterway.

Badrya said ROPME's first job would be to find out the extent of the problem. This could involve contact with international organisations and a feasibility study, she said.

Boost

Badrya said she hoped the ceasefire would boost ROPME efforts to protect the Gulf marine environment. "We want to do a study for the whole coast to find out what was the effect of the war. We don't know the exact level of pollution," she said.

This could involve reviving an "open cruise" project proposed in 1983 and shelved because of the war. Scientists from all eight members would conduct research along the entire coast, collecting samples of water, sediment and marine life.

Badrya said ROPME was not aware of a significant increase in pollution attributable to the war. The biggest threats came from oil slicks created by an Iraqi raid on Iran's Nowruz offshore field in 1983 and a US raid on Iran's Rostam platform in the southern Gulf last year.

US Navy plane gets traffic ticket in UK

LONDON, Oct 25, (Reuters): A US Navy plane got a parking ticket after it overshot the runway at a British airbase and landed on a road.

A Thames Valley police sergeant slapped the £12 (\$21) fine on the Viking S-3 anti-submarine plane despite its pilot's protests, the police department's journal reported today.

The plane from the aircraft carrier Theodore Roosevelt overshot the runway while landing at a Royal Air Force base in southern England where it was due to fly in an air show.

The local police chief eventually waived the fine after consultations with authorities at the air base.

Peruvian plane crashes

LIMA, Oct 25, (Reuters): A Peruvian passenger plane with 65 on board crashed shortly after takeoff high in the Andes and some survivors were reported, a spokeswoman for the state airline said today.

Aeropero spokeswoman Amalia Silva said the F-28 Fokker crashed minutes after taking off from the airport at Juliaca in Puno province 540 miles (900 km) south of Lima.

DAY BY DAY

WHY can we not allow expatriates to invite their relatives — particularly close relations — to visit Kuwait whenever they desire?

We are fast approaching the Christmas season and many expatriates do not want to travel abroad. Rather, they would prefer inviting their relatives here.

They naturally wish to have their wives, children or parents with them here during these festive occasions.

They want them here for a limited period of time and are quite willing to observe all security and other regulations.

Such a directive would increase the number of visitors to Kuwait. This is definitely better than having the country empty on every holiday.

Zahed Matar

Chancellor meets Sakharov

Kohl pays homage to victims of war

MOSCOW, Oct 25, (AP): West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl paid homage today to both the Soviet and German victims of World War II and highlighted his concern for human rights by meeting with Andrei D. Sakharov, the Nobel peace prize laureate.

Kohl, a conservative Christian Democrat, began a second round of talks with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, the official Soviet news agency Tass said. Earlier, Kohl met with Premier Nikolai I. Ryzhkov, the head of the council of ministers.

Kohl arrived in Moscow on an official four-day visit yesterday. In remarks at a Kremlin dinner given in Kohl's honour last night, Gorbachev appeared to rule out any change in the division of Germany and Berlin that followed the Nazi defeat in World War II.

"The attempts to upset what has been created in the (post-war) process or push through unrealistic policies is an unpredictable and even dangerous business," Gorbachev said.

Rebuff
Members of Kohl's entourage took Gorbachev's remarks to be a clear rebuff to recent proposals made by Kohl for a change in the status of Berlin and closer relations between NATO member West Germany and Moscow-aligned East Germany.

The two leaders held their first round of talks yesterday afternoon.

Today morning, in freezing temperatures and under an overcast grey sky, Kohl laid a wreath at the Soviet tomb of the unknown soldier beside the Kremlin



Kohl

Wall. The ceremony, a protocol must for foreign dignitaries visiting Moscow, takes on a special poignancy when performed by a German.

"The distinguished guest honoured by a minute of silence the memory of millions of Soviet people who died in the great patriotic war of 1941-45," Tass said in a brief report.

Kohl then was driven to a walled cemetery in the Moscow district of Lubyano, where 596 German soldiers, who were taken prisoner by the Red Army and later died in captivity, are buried.

On a dark granite obelisk at the cemetery's entrance, the words "For Peace and Reconciliation" are carved in Russian. Prior to Kohl's arrival, a solitary flower had been placed on each German soldier's grave in the front row.

Kohl laid a wreath and walked between the graves, their stone border a freshly painted white.

French assassins killed Kennedy: British film

LONDON, Oct 25, (Reuters): A British television documentary claims President Kennedy was assassinated by a three-man French hit squad hired by the US Mafia.

The two-hour programme, "The men who killed Kennedy," was shown to a select audience of commercial television in Britain after what its producers, Central Television, said were two years of research.

Former US Marine Lee Harvey Oswald was accused of killing John F. Kennedy on Nov 22, 1963, but was shot dead in a Dallas police station by local night club owner Jack Ruby before he could stand trial.

Attempt
The programme's director, Nigel Turner, told reporters it alleges that three gangsters from the French Mediterranean port of Marseilles received a "contract" from US organised crime to kill Kennedy.

The documentary names one of the alleged hitmen as Lucien Sarti, whom it said was killed in Mexico in 1972.

According to Turner, his accomplices are still alive and will be identified in the programme.

"The film says the assassination was an attempt by US organised crime to stop a crackdown ordered by Kennedy and carried out by the President's brother, the attorney-general Robert Kennedy, killed by Palestinian Sirhan Sirhan in 1968.

"At least we can show that all those Americans who for 25 years believed in Oswald's innocence and in a greater conspiracy were correct," Turner said.

He said a French drug smuggler, who claims he was offered the assassination contract, and a former narcotics trafficker give evidence in the programme to back the Mafia conspiracy claims.

Parliament clears former Italian ministers of bribe charges

ROME, Oct 25, (Reuters): A special session of Italy's parliament has cleared two former ministers of taking bribes to award contracts for the sale of warships to Iraq eight years ago.

A joint session of both houses voted 412 to 276 last night to clear former Foreign Trade Ministers Enrico Manca and Nicola Capria.

Ministers are immune from normal prosecution. Charges against them must first be considered by parliament which decides whether they should be tried by a special constitutional court.

Accepted
The session accepted the recommendation of a special inquiry commission to shelve charges against Manca and Capria.

The small Radical Party had accused them of taking kickbacks from Italian shipyards to award the contracts, which were worth 3,500 billion lire (\$2.5 billion) and pre-dated an embargo on arms sales to Iraq or Iraq because of the Gulf war.

Parliament voted to pass documents in the case to magistrates who will investigate whether private businessmen were involved in bribery over the contracts.

The joint session of parliament began a second debate today over whether to send three other former ministers before the constitutional court on charges of taking bribes to award lucrative public building contracts.

Contracts
It is considering a recommendation by the special inquiry commission that former Public Works Minister Franco Nicolazzi and former Justice Minister Clelio Darida should be charged with corruption over the contracts, mainly for new jails.

The commission recommended that former Posts Minister Vittorio Colombo should not be charged.

But officials said parliament may postpone judgement on the case, partly because of recent new evidence but also because in three months a reform will come into force enabling ministers to be tried by the normal judiciary.

Parliament is expected to reach its decision by Wednesday.

Tropical storm

GUATEMALA CITY, Oct 25, (AP): Tropical storm Miriam, the remnant of a hurricane that killed more than 100 people, headed out to sea today after soaking coastal regions in heavy rains.

Guatemala, El Salvador and southern Mexico, barely affected by the storm that left at least 111 dead in five other Latin American countries, called off states of alert that had been in effect on Sunday and Monday.

Latest polls show vice-president still far ahead

Dukakis accuses Bush of lying

WASHINGTON, Oct 25, (Reuters): With the latest polls showing George Bush still far ahead in the race for the White House, Michael Dukakis is getting tough in the hope he can still win the Nov 8 election.

But the latest public opinion surveys indicate it is late in the game for the Democratic candidate to start counter-punching.

Bush said Dukakis's new tough-talking stance shows he is getting desperate.

Dukakis yesterday accused Bush, the Republican candidate, of "outrageous lies."

Vowed

And in a television interview he vowed: "We are going to be responding with very strong answers to some of the negative ads that Bush has been running."

Bush retorted by saying he was seeing "signs in the opposition camp of desperation, using ads accusing us of lies — because he

(Dukakis) is desperate..."

The latest polls show Bush still well ahead.

A Cable News network poll of 1,218 likely voters taken Oct 20-23, showed Bush with a 51 to 39 per cent edge.

An NBC-Wall Street Journal survey released last night showed 18 states appeared strongly committed to Bush and another 18 leaning in his direction for a total of 359 electoral votes.

In the indirect US system, the winner of the popular vote takes all that state's electoral votes, with 270 needed for victory.

The NBC poll showed Dukakis with support in only nine states with 105 electoral votes, and five states with 71 votes listed as undecided.

The newspaper USA Today showed Bush holding 337 electoral votes with 89 for Dukakis and 112 undecided.

A poll taken by the Los Angeles Times showed voters in California — which has 47 votes,

the biggest number of any state — favouring Bush by 53 to 42 per cent.

Devoted

"With only two weeks remaining before the election, Dukakis clearly has failed to excite voters in a state virtually everybody agrees we must carry to win the presidency," the newspaper said.

Dukakis devoted yesterday and part of today seeking California's 47 votes, and then campaigned in Colorado, while Bush sought support in the industrial state of Ohio.

The Democrat showed his aggressive side in California where he told a rally: "Mark Twain once said a lie can travel half way around the world while the truth is still putting on its shoes."

"Mr Bush must have read Mark Twain because he's running a campaign based on distortions and distractions and outright lies."

In a taped interview televised last night, he denounced the tone of the electoral contest, saying: "I think a lot of people in this country are unhappy about the nature of the campaign, the tone of the campaign."

Dukakis cited as an example a Bush advertisement discussing a black convicted murderer who raped a white woman while on leave from prison through a programme backed by Dukakis, the Governor of Massachusetts. Bush said it showed Dukakis was soft on crime.

Dukakis said in another television interview he agreed with his running mate, Texas Senator Lloyd Bentsen, that there were "elements of racism" in the Bush campaign, and called it "one of the most cynical and hypocritical things I've ever seen."

Bush told reporters on his campaign plane: "I stand 100 per cent behind these ads. There isn't any racism. It's absolutely ridiculous."

Probe into anti-tank missiles sale

Swedish police raid arms firm

STOCKHOLM, Oct 25, (Reuters): Sweden plunged into yet another arms scandal today after police raided a state-owned arms company and prosecutors launched legal proceedings against two employees suspected of smuggling weapons to black-listed states.

Police said they raided three buildings of the state-owned arms company FFV Ordnance late yesterday. They gave few details but said they were investigating suspicions that the company sold anti-tank missiles to countries forbidden to receive them under Swedish law between 1980 and 1988.

Scandals
At the same time, state prosecutors informed two FFV employees, whose names were not released, that they were suspected of illegally exporting arms — the first legal step towards prosecution in the Swedish judicial system.

It was the latest in a long series of scandals to hit the Swedish arms industry, which is facing its worst crisis in decades because of government plans to cut military

spending.

"After the past couple of years, everything in the Swedish arms industry is open to investigation and every time the police investigate anything they seem to uncover something new," said Aaron Karp, an international arms trade expert at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).

Neutral Sweden, an outspoken supporter of world disarmament, maintains a large weapons industry to bolster its stance of armed neutrality. But manufacturers are not allowed to export to countries at war or in areas of tension.

Previous police investigations have established that this law was repeatedly violated throughout the 1970s and 1980s. Advanced Swedish weapons systems, ammunition and explosives were shipped in large quantities to a host of nations on the forbidden list.

Police sources said the current FFV investigation involved suspicions that the company shipped anti-tank missiles to countries on the list.

From 1977 to 1986, nearly 11 per cent of Swedish arms exports went to Singapore, according to official figures. Most of them were apparently re-exported, police say.

Two employees of the country's largest arms firm, Nobel Industries, are currently standing trial with a third businessman on charges of smuggling explosives to Middle Eastern and Asian countries including Iran.

The run of investigations into Swedish arms exports has coincided with a government drive to cut defence spending in real terms.

"We have insufficient order bookings," said Ericsson Radar Electronics president Ulf Johansson.

"Reduced appropriations for material procurement by the Swedish armed forces, combined with possible reductions in export opportunities, could have a very heavy impact, not only on Ericsson Radar Electronics but on the entire Swedish defence industry," he said.

Mitterrand, Mubarak in talks on Mideast

ISMAILIA, Egypt, Oct 25, (UPI): President Hosni Mubarak and French President Francois Mitterrand, both strong advocates of an international conference on Middle East peace, opened talks today at this resort city on ways of activating the stalled peace effort.

Mitterrand was welcomed and embraced by Mubarak on his arrival at a military airfield near Ismailia, about halfway along the Suez Canal, for a few hours' visit that will be devoted to the talks between the two leaders.

Mubarak and Mitterrand drove through the city's streets and were cheered by crowds and then boarded a boat for a cruise in the Suez Canal. They later sat down to business at a government resthouse on a canal island.

Efforts but will also include other subjects such as the Lebanon problem and the deadlocked Iraq-Iran peace negotiations.

Egypt and France share similar views on these issues.

The two countries have called for an international conference on Middle East peace, grouping the five big powers and all concerned parties, as the forum for bringing the Arabs and Israelis to the negotiating table.

But Western diplomats, while not doubting that he will become a five-year term, say his popularity may have been tarnished over the last year by discontent with the country's tightly controlled political system and worsening economic situation.

Six military officers and three civilians, including former politicians, businessmen and senior Army and Air Force officers, were arrested this month. Diplomats say they were involved in a coup plot.

Kaunda faces popularity test in elections

LUSAKA, Oct 25, (Reuters): Zambia President Kenneth Kaunda, who has ruled virtually unopposed for 24 years, put his popularity to the test in elections tomorrow amid increasing pressure at home and abroad, for economic and political reform.

The presidential and parliamentary elections will be the fourth held in the mineral-rich, landlocked southern African nation since Kaunda introduced one-party rule by his United National Independence Party (UNIP) in 1972, eight years after independence.

As in the past, Kaunda, 64, is the sole candidate for president and the 2.6 million registered voters will be offered a yes-or-no choice to re-elect him. But they will be able to choose from a list of government-approved candidates to elect 125 members of parliament.

Doubting
Since independence from Britain in 1964, Zambia has been one of Africa's most politically stable states under the firm and shrewd leadership of its deeply religious President, known as "KK."

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Multi-party system in Algeria ruled out

ALGIERS, Oct 25, (Reuters): President Chadli Benjedid, defining the limits of political reforms planned after bloody riots this month, has ruled out allowing rival political groups in one-party Algeria.

In a nine-page communique, carried by the Algerian news agency APS late yesterday, Chadli outlined plans for more democratic controls of the ruling National Liberation Front (FLN), but said he was against a multi-party system.

However, in a move which reduces the dominant role of the FLN — the country's only official political party — Chadli said non-FLN members would be able to stand for election to popular assemblies.

Measures

He hinted pluralism could eventually flow from the measures which he said would breathe the fresh life into the FLN and spark debate and political actions.

"Multi-partyism can in no way be granted as soon as the debate begins to groups who are seeking power and privileges from a sham democracy," he said.

Chadli's measures seek to broaden the base of the party by making it more democratic. FLN membership is to be widened and party officials made more accountable to rank and file members through elections to virtually every post.

Details of the plans are to go before an FLN congress in December and will then be submitted to the people for approval in a referendum early in 1989.

Since the riots, prompted by increasing economic hardships, Chadli has announced two referendums. Algerians are to vote on Nov 3 on a plan to make the prime minister answerable to the National Assembly.

Quit, MPs ask Indian aviation minister

NEW DELHI, Oct 25, (AP): Lawmakers have called for the resignation of the country's top aviation official, charging lax safety standards after two airline accidents in one day killed 165 people, newspapers reported today.

Civil Aviation Minister Shivraj Patil refused to step down, but said he would examine all complaints.

Legislators with the consultative committee of parliament met yesterday for the first time since the planes crashed within two hours of each other on Oct 19.

Overused

Committee members criticised Indian Airlines and another domestic carrier, Vayudoot, alleging they overused their planes and failed to maintain adequate safety standards, said the Indian Express, which is generally critical of the government. Both carriers are run by the government.

On Oct 19, an Indian Airlines Boeing 737 exploded and crashed while attempting to land in fog near Ahmedabad in central India. All but five of the 135 passengers and crew on board died.

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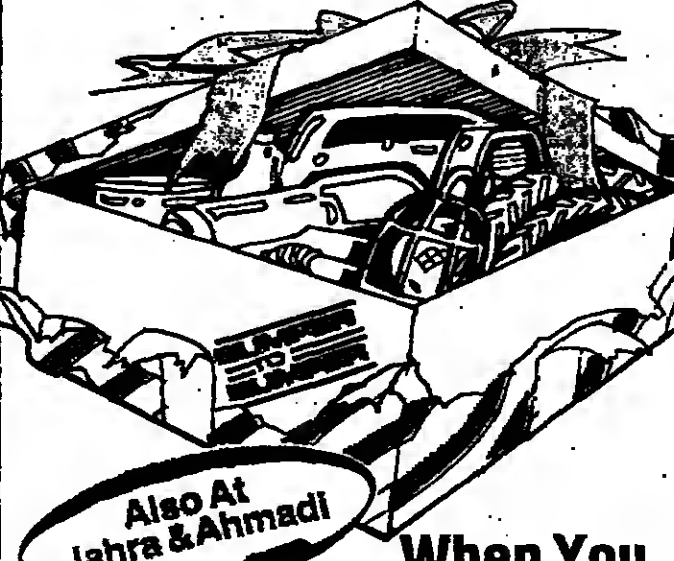
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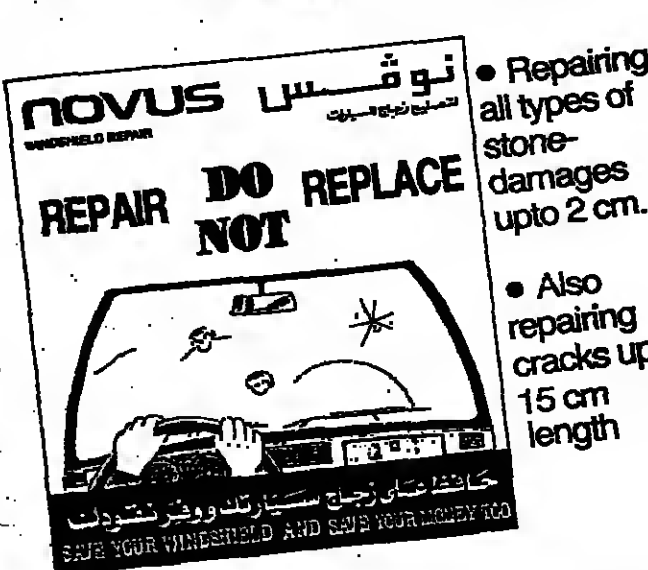
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Police fire tear gas at demonstrators

Colombo residents confined to homes

COLOMBO, Oct 25, (AP): Hundred of police and soldiers enforced a strict curfew that confined most residents of the capital to their homes today after a homemade pipe bomb killed eight people at a meeting of the ruling political party.

The government said it imposed the curfew in Colombo and surrounding areas because of reports that the People's Liberation Front, a radical Sinhalese group, was attempting to organise an all-day strike. A government statement spoke of fears such a strike would trigger violence.

In the central parts of the island, where a curfew was not

imposed, police fired tear gas and charged with batons into thousands of anti-government demonstrators. There were no immediate reports of injuries.

In the town of Medawachchiya, about 140 kilometres (90 miles) northeast of Colombo, police were called to disperse 3,000 protesters demanding the government's resignation.

In Welimada, about 110 kilometres (70 miles) east of the capital, about 5,000 people staged a sit-in on public highways, officials said. Police were unable to disperse them, officials said.

In Colombo, one more person died on injuries from a homemade pipe bomb that exploded last night at a residence where the ruling United National Party was meeting. That raised the death toll to eight. At least 40 others were injured, police said.

Police initially blamed the front for the Monday night bombing. But party officials said today they had not ruled out the possibility the bomb was the work of unspecified radical opposition political parties.

Police said two men on a motorcycle flung two pipes packed with explosives into the crowd at Kotte, three

kilometres (two miles) north of the city centre, but only one of the homemade bombs exploded.

The violence in Sri Lanka has escalated with the approach of presidential elections scheduled for Dec. 19.

Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa is the presidential candidate of the predominantly Sinhalese United National Party, which has been targeted for bombings and assassinations by the People's Liberation Front. The front has accused the Sinhalese-dominated government of making too many concessions to the Tamil ethnic minority seeking a separate homeland in northern and east-

ern Sri Lanka.

Premadasa's chief opponent is former Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike, a Sinhalese and leader of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party.

The curfew was imposed at midnight (1830 GMT) yesterday.

The People's Liberation Front has put up posters in Colombo and other parts of the country demanding President Junius Jayewardene's resignation, abrogation of a peace accord designed to end the Tamil revolt, and the withdrawal of 47,000 Indian soldiers deployed in Sri Lanka to enforce the accord.



Dalai Lama

Tibetan, Chinese talks in January

NEW DELHI, Oct 25, (Reuters): The Dalai Lama, exiled Tibetan spiritual leader, has offered to hold the first official talks with China on the future of Tibet in Geneva in January, his office in New Delhi said today.

His offer follows China's invitation to direct talks if the Dalai Lama dropped his demand for Tibetan independence. China asked him to set a time and place for the talks.

A statement from the Dalai Lama's office said he would send representatives to meet Chinese officials in Geneva, with instructions to approach the meeting with sincerity.

It said he hoped China would respond positively.

Basils
The Dalai Lama had called earlier for talks on the basis of a speech to the European Parliament in Strasbourg in June, in which he suggested that China maintain foreign policy control of an internally self-governing Tibet.

The Chinese said this maintained the demand for independence and rejected it as a basis for discussion. Today's statement did not mention the Strasbourg plan.

The Dalai Lama said in an interview in northern India yesterday that he was optimistic about the talks.

Military buildup in the Pacific

Soviets want to use Filipino shipyard

WASHINGTON, Oct 25, (AP): The Soviet Union is seeking agreement to use a Philippines ship repair yard, raising US concerns about potential eavesdropping on the strategic American naval base at Subic Bay, according to government officials.

The officials said the US administration opposes any such arrangement on grounds that it would give the Soviets close access to Subic, perhaps the most important American military installation outside the United States.

The Philippines has rejected previous Soviet requests for ship repair at the PHILSECO yard, but Moscow recently renewed the request. The officials, who insisted on anonymity, said there are inconclusive indications the Philippines may approve the new request.

Philippine Shipyard and Engineering Corp., as PHILSECO is known, is on Subic Bay, next to Subic Bay Naval Base.

One reason Philippine authorities may change their mind, the officials said, is that the repair yard is losing money. The enterprise is a joint venture of Philippine and Japanese interests. Close access to Subic would not only be an intelligence-gathering bonus for the Soviets, it also would enable their vessels to remain longer in the region, thus enhancing the Soviets' military capability, the officials said.

The Soviet desire for ship repair apparently reflects a major Soviet military buildup in

the Pacific in recent years. According to the Defence Department, the Kremlin has increased the number of ships and submarines in its Pacific fleet by 40 vessels to a total of 860 since the end of 1984.

Approval of the Soviet proposal also would be seen as further evidence of a desire by the Philippines to disassociate itself from the United States. A more independent Philippine stance was apparent during recent base negotiations with the United States, which frequently were marked by acrimony.

A week ago, the two countries signed an agreement to provide the Philippines with \$962 million in military and economic aid over the next two years in exchange for continued US access to Subic and to Clark air field. They are the largest US military installations overseas.

Increase

Both the Philippines and the United States have left open the possibility that their 1947 base agreement will not be renewed when it expires in 1991.

Reaction in the Philippines to the aid agreement has been hostile, partly because Philippine negotiators backed away from their original demand for more than \$1 billion annually in assistance.

Still, the \$481 million in annual aid agreed to for 1990 and 1991 represented a sharp increase from the \$180 million the United States had been pledging since 1983.

Thai crowned Miss Asia-Pacific

HONG KONG, Oct 25, (AP): A 24-year-old university student from Thailand has been crowned the 1988 Miss Asia-Pacific at the annual beauty pageant.

The 165-centimetre (five-foot-five-inch) tall Miss Panpradub Preetanuch was crowned by last year's winner Cilinia Prada of Panama.

Miss Panpradub, whose ambition is to become an actress, also won the best national costume title.

She was presented with a gold crown with diamonds and an undisclosed sum of money.

The first runner-up was Miss Mexico, Ely Guadalupe Gurrula, an 18-year-old university student. The Mexican beauty also took the best evening gown title.

Model

Second runner-up was Miss Israel, Revital Mor, a 19-year-old model.

Miss Panama, Jenia Nenzen, a 20-year-old university student, was voted Most Photogenic. Contestants from 32 countries and territories took part in the pageant, organised by Hong Kong's Asia Television Ltd.

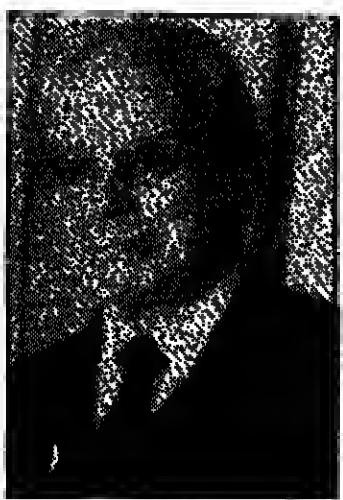
UN celebrates 43rd anniversary

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 25, (AP): The United Nations celebrated the 43rd anniversary of its charter yesterday with a series of successes to commemorate and new peacemaking ventures to explore.

Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said the organisation is playing a larger peacemaking role.

"After years of drift and decline in multilateral co-operation, the organisation has begun to resume its rightful role in international life," Perez de Cuellar said in a statement marking UN Day.

Among other accomplishments this year, the UN Peacekeeping Force world-wide won the Nobel Peace Prize, the UN mediated an Afghanistan peace accord and arranged a ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war.



Perez de Cuellar

It is also involved in attempts for political settlements in Kampuchea, Western Sahara and

South-West Africa, among others.

But the United Nations alone cannot take credit for recent positive developments and the world body should not indulge in "self-congratulation," Perez de Cuellar said. The credit goes to nations of the world and their will to make peace, he said, adding: "We are but the servants of this will."

The world body was founded more than four decades ago with exaggerated hopes which led to disillusionment, Perez de Cuellar said. "The UN renewal must, therefore, be viewed in a more realistic frame of mind."

Regional conflicts, the arms race, violations of human rights, the aggravation of poverty, social turmoil and strife and the deterioration of the environment are reminders, he said, of the work that remains to be done.

Likud, Labour still running neck and neck

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct 25, (Reuters): Israeli leaders began the final week of a national election campaign today without a front-runner, prompting speculation that the two main parties would form another national unity government.

Opinion polls showed Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's rightist Likud Bloc and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres' Labour Party in the kind of deadlock that forced them together after Israel's last general election in 1984.

Activists in both camps privately acknowledge the parties may have to join forces again, even though the two leaders opposed the idea on Sunday in their only televised campaign debate. The election is on Nov 1.

"It's only a matter of minutes once the election results are in. If the two parties are two or three seats apart, one will call the other and they'll make a deal," said one Labour Party activist.

Majority

The polls showed Labour and Likud each winning between 39 and 42 seats in the 120-seat parliament, neither approaching the 61 needed for an absolute majority. Smaller parties stand to capture the remaining 40-odd seats.

Peace and security have been the main issues of a sluggish campaign overshadowed by a 10-

month Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories in which at least 310 Palestinians and six Jews have died.

During the televised debate Shamir attacked Peres' support for an international Middle East peace conference and his proposal to give up some of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip in exchange for peace with Israel's Arab neighbours.

Campaign

Other Middle East players have assumed key roles in the election campaign, with Jordan and Egypt openly endorsing Peres, and even the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) urging Israelis to vote for the left.

Sbamir rejected any interference in Israeli politics.

Critics, including uncommitted voters, see little by which to tell the two parties apart.

Both Labour and Likud oppose talks with the PLO, favour an "iron fist" policy to crush Arab unrest and ultimately support direct Arab-Israeli talks to reach a peace settlement.

Their government has succeeded in reducing triple-digit annual inflation, withdrawing Israel's 1982 invasion troops from Lebanon and reviving relations with Egypt, the only Arab country to make peace with Israel. But it has failed to quell the Palestinian revolt.

Vincennes returns home to warm welcome

SAN DIEGO, Oct 25, (UPI): The crew of the USS Vincennes returned home yesterday after a six-month patrol during which they mistakenly shot down an Iranian airliner and were told at a welcoming ceremony that their actions helped bring peace to the Gulf.

Dignitaries, friends and family greeted the Aegis cruiser with balloons, banners and music as it slipped through the haze of the harbour at the San Diego naval base yesterday.

Capt. Will C. Rogers, commander of the ship, said he and his 384-man crew were delighted to be home and that they had regrets but no apologies for their actions July 3, when the Vincennes fired at a radar ship that was believed to be an Iranian warplane but turned out to be a civilian airliner, killing all 290 people aboard.

The Air Iran Airbus A-300 flying across the Gulf from Bandar Abbas, Iran, to Dubai, had failed to identify itself as a civilian plane.

"At first, we were all devastated at this kind of error, which you pray you don't make," Rogers told a news conference. "Our grief and despair are tem-

pered by the knowledge that we did what we had to do."

"I wish we had 100 per cent hindsight, but that is not a luxury we have in combat."

Representative Bill Lowery, Republican-California, led a 20-minute ceremony of welcoming speeches by dignitaries, including William D. Rose, mayor of Vincennes, Indiana.

Lowery credited the loss of the airliner with finally bringing about negotiations to end the war between Iran and Iraq. "It has been said that the single event of that tragedy did more to bring the leaders of Tehran to their senses than any other," Lowery said.

Listened

White-clad sailors lined the rail of the Vincennes and listened politely to the speeches while their impatient greeters whooped and yelled.

Once the speeches ended, the command to "secure the rail" was given over the ship's intercom and a cheer went up from the sailors.

Within minutes, loved ones were clamouring up the gangway while sailors exchanged high-fives and waved to women and children on the dock.

12 schoolchildren swept out to sea

NEW DELHI, Oct 25, (Reuters): Ten schoolgirls and two boys were swept out to sea by big waves off east India today and feared drowned, the Press Trust of India reported.

It said they were bathing with friends at Kalingapatnam in Andhra Pradesh state when they were carried out to sea.

Fishermen rescued five girls but found no trace of the missing 12, the news agency said.

British minister discusses peace in Middle East

DUBAI, Oct 25, (KUNA): British Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office William Waldegrave left here today after a three-day visit to the United Arab Emirates and a tour which included Qatar and Saudi Arabia.

Waldegrave's talks with UAE officials centred on promoting peace talks between Iran and Iraq to reach a just settlement acceptable to both parties.

Officials also discussed the Middle East question which he called the most dangerous region of dispute in the world. The first step to end this crisis would be to convene the international conference, approved by all parties except Israel.

Relations

During the talks, he said Britain supports Palestinian participation in the conference but favours its presence through a confederation with Jordan.

The British people and government are impressed by the sacrifices being made by Palestinian children and youth in the uprising, he was quoted as saying. He said the Palestinians have

succeeded in conveying their message to the world.

The British minister also hailed UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan's initiative which calls for holding an emergency Arab summit to discuss the deteriorating situation in Lebanon.

Britain and other European Economic Committee member states will do their best to help solve the problem, he said.

Agreement

Discussing Anglo-Iranian relations, the minister said restoration of diplomatic relations is under way but not at the expense of Iraq. Resumption of ties is not related to the British hostages in Lebanon, he said.

Meanwhile, Waldegrave said British naval forces will stay in the Gulf as long as there is a need for them.

He also said London's economic policy will not change after the Conservative government decision to cut by half the shares owned by Kuwait in British Petroleum, he said. The controversial decision was made so

no foreign country will have the chance to control such an important British company, he said.

Talks at the 12th meeting of the UAE-UK Joint Committee also dealt with a suggestion from the UAE Industry and Finance Ministry to sign an agreement to prevent tax duplication and spare national tankers from British taxes.

Another agreement to encourage and protect investments between the two countries was also discussed.

The UAE officials also raised the question of their country's trade deficit which has been in favour of Britain over the past six years. A suggestion was made to overcome this deficit by exporting UAE industrial commodities to the United Kingdom.

Peruvian official meets Kuwaiti leaders

KUWAIT, Oct 25, (KUNA): Visiting Peruvian Foreign Ministry official Jaime Caceres conferred here today with Kuwaiti State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Saoud Al Osaimi and later with Foreign Undersecretary Sulaiman Majed Al Shaheen on co-operation between Peru and Kuwait, an official source said.

Caceres also discussed strengthening economic co-operation between the Gulf Co-operation Council and the Latin American group of Peru, Colombia, Venezuela and Ecuador, the source told KUNA.

The Peruvian official who arrived here on Monday representing the Northwestern Latin American Economic Group, is seeking the promotion of GCC-Latin American co-operation according to the source.

Girl killed by speeding car

TWENTY-NINE traffic accidents were reported in Kuwait yesterday.

In one accident a girl died after being knocked down by a speeding car in the Rawda area. Two persons were also injured in other traffic accidents.

KPTC provides additional hour of bus service

By Lima Al Khalafawi

THE Kuwait Public Transportation Co. (KPTC) increased its operating hours by one hour a day at the beginning of this month.

Buses will continue running on some routes up to 11 pm until the beginning of November.

The additional hour of service was introduced to determine new transportation and commuters needs, the director of the Operations Department at KPTC, Khalid Al Jasser, said.

The experimental service is being offered on different routes in one direction from Kuwait City. Bus fares on these routes

will not change.

The experiment will be conducted for one month on 10 routes from Kuwait City towards Salmiya, Farwaniya, Fahahcel, Juleb Al Shiyookh, Kheitan, Hawalli, Jabra, Abbasiya and Hassawi. He added that buses operating on these routes are numbers 11, 12, 14, 15, 21, 22, 23, 29, 102, 103.

The KPTC is doing a feasibility study of the additional hour of service. It will be expanded to other areas in Kuwait if the experiment is successful.

The new service will be extended to go to and from Kuwait City and other suburbs in Kuwait, Jasser concluded.

Israel's increasing nuclear capability worries Oman

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 25, (KUNA): Oman has warned the UN Political and Security Committee about nuclear weapons falling into the hands of states with hostile intentions.

Omani representative Izzat Bin Sabee Al Zaidy said yesterday that Israel's increasing nuclear capability, poses a real danger to regional security and impedes the creation of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East. Israel should be placed under the control of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), he said.

He said Oman is concerned about Israel launching a satellite to spy on the military activities of the Arab countries. "That aggressive act threatened the security and stability in the Middle East and the Mediterranean," he said.

Zaidy welcomed the Soviet-American agreement on the elimination of short and medium-range nuclear weapons as well as an international conference to prevent the spread of chemical weapons, which will lead to the promotion of the 1925

Geneva Protocol.

The Omani diplomat said the real challenge to the international community will be doing the preparatory work for the fourth review conference of the treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons (NPT).

The conference, should remove all doubt that the treaty will perpetuate the situation of those states with nuclear weapons and those that do not have them, he said.

Discussing naval disarmament, Al Zaidy said confidence-building measures are needed to secure safety and reduce the dangers of confrontations at sea, especially those involving ships with nuclear weapons.

Safeguards

"Such international efforts should complement those made at the bilateral level, and should take place within the framework of the conference on disarmament, guaranteeing security for ships engaged in non-military activities and providing safeguards for the ships of neutral countries," he said.

Unifying prices at pharmacies under study

AUTHORITIES are conducting a study to unify prices of drugs sold at private pharmacies, according to a local daily.

Unification of prices will become effective by the middle of next year, the daily added.

The study will evaluate costs and quality of locally manufactured and imported drugs. Officials want to satisfy both consumers and owners of pharmacies and end complaints of price differentials, the daily said.

Verdict against ministry upheld

KUWAIT'S Court of Higher Appeal upheld the verdict of the Court of First Instance issued against the Ministry of Education.

A student who had sustained permanent disability as a result of burns he received during a scouting camp was awarded KD15,000 as damages to be paid by the ministry.

The Court of Higher Appeals rejected the defence claim of the ministry and denied responsibility. The teacher in charge of the camp put out the fire in less than 10 minutes without any outside help and the fire occurred late at night.

The court in its judgement stated that there should have been more guards on duty during the night to prevent such incidents.

Lebanese singer comes to Kuwait

KUWAIT, Oct 25, (KUNA): A creative artist should be in the heart of confrontation, says Lebanese national singer Marcel Khalifa.

Khalifa is in Kuwait at the invitation of the Palestinian Women's Union as part of a fund-raising campaign to support the uprising in the occupied territories.

"I sing for revolution against injustice and humiliation and against occupation which sucks the blood of our children," Khalifa told a debate at the Journalists Association here last night.

"Revolution is in the love of home... in the love of mother and in the love of mankind," Khalifa said.

Spanish minister to visit Kuwait

KUWAIT, Oct 25, (KUNA): Spanish Foreign Minister Francisco Fernandez Ordonez will start an official visit to Kuwait on Wednesday in response to an invitation from Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed.

Talks are expected to centre on issues of mutual concern and Kuwait-Spanish relations.

The talks will also cover political developments in the Middle East, particularly the Palestinian uprising, now in its 11th consecutive month.

The Spanish official will be briefed on proposals HH the Amir made before the UN General Assembly last month, particularly the proposal to reduce the burden of debts on the Third World and establishment of new relations to secure co-operation and mutual benefits between the Third World and the developing

countries.

The exchange of visits has enhanced relations between the two countries. During the visit by King Juan Carlos here in October 1980, the king and HH the Amir discussed a number of issues of mutual concern.

The sources noted that Kuwait's imports from Spain have increased from KD2.03 million in 1973 to KD24.3 million in 1978. Kuwait exports to Spain increased from KD2.1 million to KD30.6 million in the same period.

Figures released by the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry showed that Kuwait's imports from Spain in 1986 reached KD19.9 million compared to Kuwait exports, with the exception of oil and its by-products, that reached KD114.595m.

BAHRAIN DIGEST

UN Day observed

BAHRAIN joined the international community on Monday in observing United Nations Day.

The UN Information Centre (UNIC) sent hundreds of leaflets to the island's secondary schools on the activities of the world organisation and posters showing students the economic plight of African countries south of the Saharan desert.

Following instructions from Dr Ali Fakhr, education minister, schools devoted on hour Sunday for students to learn more about the United Nations.

Mian Qadur-Din, director of UNIC, spoke of the importance of the UN Day to members of the Rotary Club of Manama of the Gulf Hotel on Sunday. He gave similar lectures of the Sacred Heart School on Monday. On Wednesday he will visit Bahrain School.

Qadur-Din, however, said the highlight of the island's celebration will be a 40-kilometre cycle race on Friday starting at the National Stadium.

Dozens of cyclists wearing T-shirts carrying the UN logo will participate in the event being organised by the UNIC and the General Organisation for Youth and Sport in association with the Bahrain Cycling Federation.

Qadur-Din said it was a great honour for the United Nations that the international community recognised the useful work of its peace-keeping force by awarding it the 1988 Nobel Peace Prize. Peace-making and peace-keeping are the two most important functions of the UN, he added.

'Singing Hoosiers' to perform

THE 'Singing Hoosiers', 12 performers from America's Indiana University School of Music, have started a concert tour of the Gulf with performances in Bahrain Wednesday and Thursday nights of the Diplomat Hotel.

The Hoosiers (an American nickname for people from Indiana), perform a combination of classical and light music. The group is comprised of former and current students and faculty members from the music school.

According to Carlos Montano, director of the group, the Indiana University School of Music is world famous, for its high academic standards and quality of its services and facilities.

"We have a total of 2,000 students from all over the world and 400 faculty members—the largest number of any music school in the world. We have performed so far about 1,000 concerts and musical events everywhere," he said. "Our school is equipped, apart from the best modern equipment, with a main theatre which is the same size as the Grand Metropolitan Opera House. We perform seven operas and six choruses every year."

David Little, who earned a doctorate degree from the school, attributes the school's success to its high academic standards. "It is easy to get in, but tough to get out. The qualifying exams are really very difficult."

Little said that although in theory all graduates should make it professionally, only a 'handful' really make it to the top.

The Indiana University School of Music prides itself in having the services of some of America's leading composers, such as John Eaton and Leonard Bernstein.

Apart from performing adaptations of famous operas of past masters, the Music School also creates original works.

The school is scheduled to organise its biggest musical show ever in Massachusetts (USA) in 1990, when a full opera production with 'choir singers' will be staged. The show will be videotaped and distributed worldwide, including Russia.

The concerts in Bahrain as well as those in other Gulf countries will be videotaped and distributed throughout the Middle East.

The concerts in Bahrain are sponsored by the Diplomat Hotel, TWA and Gulf Air. The group will later perform in Doha, Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Muscat.

500 women register at test-tube centre

DR Sammy Al Taher, a gynaecologist at Kuwait's Maternity Hospital has said that about 500 women in Kuwait have registered at the test-tube centre.

Speaking to a local newspaper, he said that 15 per cent to 20 per cent of test-tube operations are successful and attributed this low percentage to unnatural medical intervention. In Kuwait, eight women had so far been impregnated by artificial insemination, he added.

Tests
To register applicants must present a marriage certificate, be below 38 years of age, have active ovaries and be free from any infectious gynaecological disease, he said.

Al Taher said that these operations involve the stimulation of the mother's ovaries by hormones on the second day of menstruation followed by medical checks to determine the percentage of hormones in the blood. An injection is administered 36 hours prior to the extraction of eggs.

The egg is then fertilised outside the womb with the husband's sperm and the fertilised egg replanted in the womb. Tests are carried out after 12 days from replanting the fertilised egg to confirm pregnancy, Al Taher added.

He stressed that artificial insemination is a medical technique resorted to only if there are factors impeding the occurrence of pregnancy either in the man or the woman. He added that impeding factors primarily include weak male potency and high acidity level at the neck of the womb.

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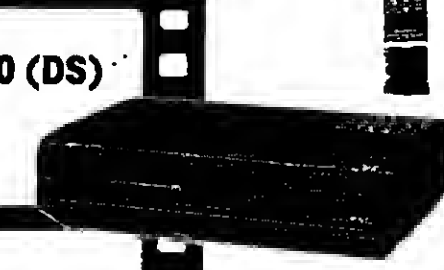
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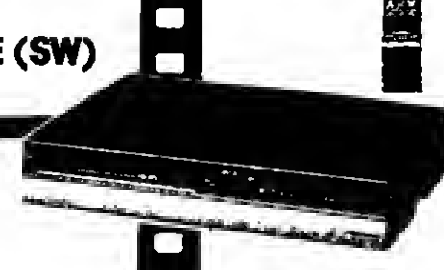
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Ministry of Commerce Undersecretary Abdullah Al Hamad with the Malaysian Ambassador to Kuwait, Zainal Abidin Alias, after the opening of the Malaysia Fair.

Malaysia Fair opens

KUWAIT'S Commerce Ministry Undersecretary Abdullah Al Hamad yesterday opened the Malaysia Fair at a local hotel.

Some 40 companies are taking part in the fair, exhibiting a wide range of products. These include exotic fruits, car accessories, electronics and furniture.

A Malaysian troupe will present a cultural show tonight and tomorrow night. Eight dancers and eight musicians will take part.

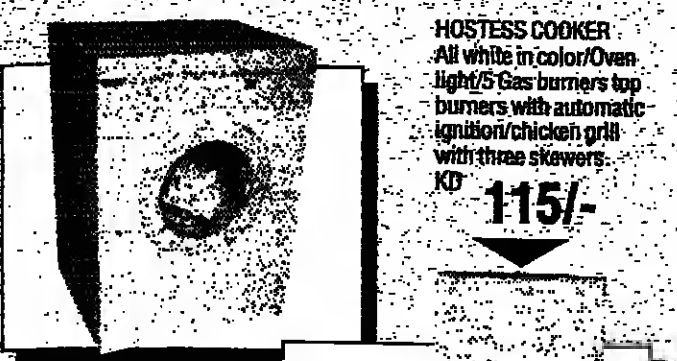
Malaysian cuisine will be served to guests. Tomorrow's cultural show is open to the public.



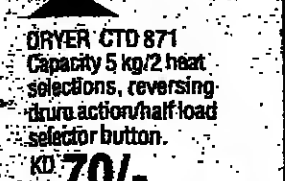
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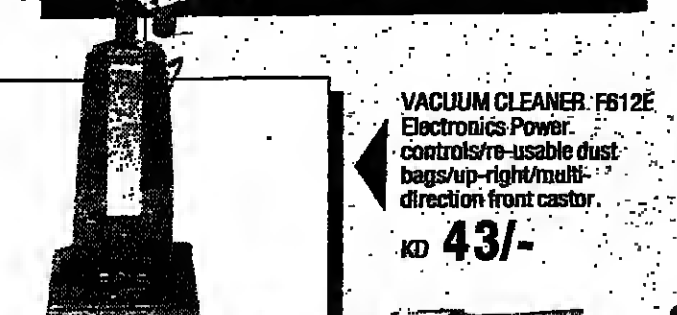
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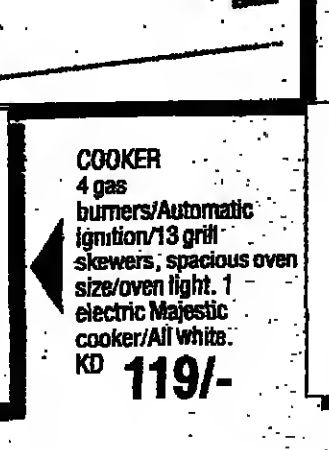
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EVENTS

VIDEO CORNER

Modern day bounty hunters

By Brian Hollis



Catherine Mary Stewart in *Dudes*

FOR those unfamiliar with the term 'bailbondsmen', this is an American species which charges a fee to put up bail for accused persons lacking in funds. If the accused jumps bail, the bondsman stands to lose all his money so he hires a sort of modern day bounty hunter to bring in the culprit. In *Midnight Run*, Robert de Niro plays an ex-cop turned bounty hunter who routinely recaptures smalltime criminals for smalltime fees. One day he is given a shot at a big pay day. Providing he can return an embezzling accountant (Charles Grodin) from New York to Los Angeles before his bail expires, he will collect a \$100,000 fee. Standing in his way, however, is an FBI team headed by Yaphet Kotto who need him as a witness, a Mafia gambling kingpin from whom he stole the money, and a rival bounty hunter. But his most formidable rival is the runaway accountant himself. As opposed to the other hardened professionals, he is a likeable everyday chap who simply happened to take advantage of his situation to turn the gangster's millions over to charity.

While the film tips its hat to all the conventions of the action genre — car chases, gunfights and rowdy brawls — the relationship between De Niro and Grodin lifts the film way above the ordinary. De Niro is

by turns fiery, exasperated and finally philosophical as he runs into one brick wall after another. Grodin on the other hand keeps his cool as he subtly needles and con his captor and most of the other characters in the film. At 120 minutes, the film runs a bit long, but that is perhaps its only weakness. The film boasts a clever, well constructed script and two fine actors in top form.

Grant, Biscuit and Milo are three young punks bored with New York who decide that life can only be better in the Californian sun. They pile into a Beetle and seem to be having a good time until they are bushwacked by a bunch of rednecks who beat them up and accidentally kill Milo. Finding no sympathy with the local cops, they bump into Jessie (Catherine Mary Stewart) who knows her way around, and together they tackle the ruffians in a variety of ambushes, including an inventive sequence in a cinema showing a Western. Sympathy

is all on the side of youth and although *Dudes* is hardly action adventure, it is still a pretty good crack at a modern day Western, with Jon Cryer and Daniel Roebuck as an unlikely but likeable pair of heroes.

Supercarrier looks and sounds like a Top Gun rip off, but as the latter is banned, it is difficult to make comparisons. The sleeve bills it as "a confrontation between two top US naval pilots," but in fact it is more like an episode in the life of a US naval carrier, plus the problems of being a woman in a man's Navy. The USS *Georgetown* is on a routine patrol when a Russian pilot is spotted taking photographs. Two botshots, 'Hat Trick' Rawley and new boy 'Sierra' La Palma are sent up to escort him out of US airspace and use the manoeuvre as an excuse to try and outdo each other in flying skills. The film is entertaining enough to watch, and there is some good aerial photography, but it's a pity it was not housed in a more substantial plot.

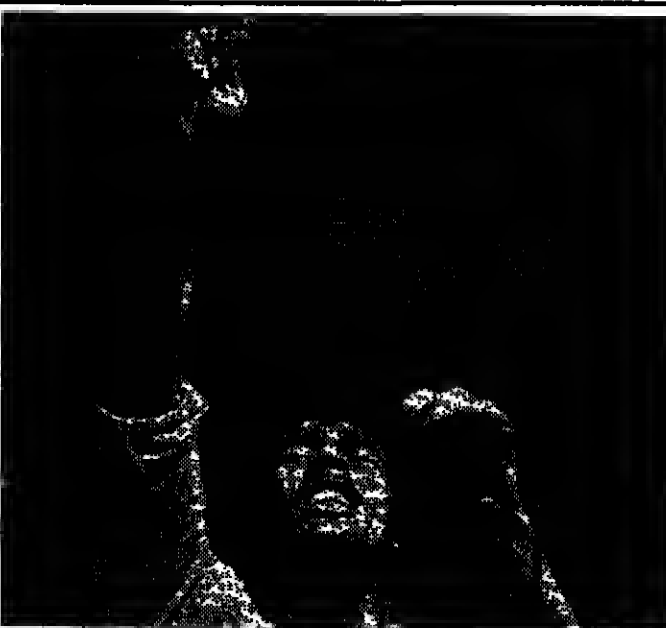
Most singing stars seem to have a go at the movies at one time or another, sometimes with great success, as in the case of Cher. This week it's the turn of Laura Brannigan (Gloria Selfcontrol etc.) in a new movie called *Backstage*. The unpretentious storyline sees Brannigan as an American superstar singer who wants to prove herself as a dramatic actress. The task is made difficult by the prejudice and jealousy of fellow actors, and scathing critical comments from a leading writer. You will be able to gather the rest of the story, but although the film is reasonably OK, it is hardly going to convince most critics of her acting skills.

The Opponent is a new boxing movie starring Ernest Borgnine, Daniel Greene and Giuliano Gemma. Robert is a boxer looking for a shot at the big time who gets his chance when he saves beautiful Gilda from a group of thugs. Soon riding high on the boxing circuit, he finds that his romantic success with Gilda has aroused someone's desire for revenge.

For British crime story fans, Taggart, the Scottish detective is back to solve yet another mystery.

This week, there are quite a few new children's releases. *The Dog That Stopped the War* is a fun filled family film about a dog who gets involved in a snowball fight and decides to teach both sides a lesson they will not easily forget. *Thunder* is a new adventure of *She-Ra* should satisfy the spacewar fans and for the little ones there's *Strawberry Shortcake* and *Barney Bear*. Animal lovers will enjoy the tale of *Goldy*, the last of the golden bears.

The above films are by courtesy of VFI Fintas/Farwaniya; Video Nurf — Tel: 2432809; Video Club, Tel: 5724372.



Bob Marley

Musical tribute to king of reggae

STEVE MICHAEL and the Electric Rendezvous, a group of 'nine musicians, will pay tribute to Bob Marley — the king of reggae, at a two-hour concert on Nov 4 at the SAS Hotel, Kuwait.

They will perform such best loved Marley songs as "No woman no cry", "Could you be loved", "Buffalo soldier", "So much trouble in the world" and others.

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TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1	Satellite	KTV 2
12.30 Holy Quran/Closedown		
MORNING		
9.00 Holy Quran		3.30 Holy Quran
9.10 Good Morning		3.38 Cartoons
9.15 Dabdoob Al Musiqar: Cartoon serial		3.55 Live telecast of football match between Kazema Club of Kuwait and Sharjah Club of UAE.
9.45 World News via Satellite		6.00 My Pet Monster: cartoons serial
10.00 Abu Al Fulooos: local serial		6.38 Wonderstruck: This episode examines the links between unplates and telephones and looks at recycling of waste products.
10.45 Good Morning		7.00 Pals: Oscar embarks on another exciting adventure with his son, Sammy.
11.00 Wa Yabqa Al Amal: Part 2; serial, starring Abeer Essa, Mohamad Qabani, Shafiqah Tall, Tayseer Attiya.		7.30 Growing Pains: "Marrying Kind." Carol wants to marry. But will her parents agree?
12.00 News Summary		8.00 News in English
12.15 The Magic of David Copperfield		8.40 Probe: "Now You See It." Austin is held responsible for a computer error.
1.00 News Summary		9.30 The Secret World: documentary
1.05 Holy Quran/Closedown		10.00 What's Happening Now: The wife is not too happy about her husband's involvement in settling a dispute.
EVENING		10.30 L.A. Law
4.00 Holy Quran		11.30 News Summary
4.15 World News via Satellite		11.40 Magazine D'Acutalite; Closedown
5.15 Cartoons		
5.30 Songs and Music		
6.00 La Ilaha Illallah: historical serial. Starring: Laila Fawzi, Tayseer Fahmi, Rushwan Taufiq, Huda Sultan.		
7.00 News Summary		
7.30 Afaq Al Fann: focus on Arab art		
7.50 Folklore		
8.30 Good Evening		
9.00 News in Arabic		
9.55 Anfiwan Al Ashiya: Arabic serial, starring: Jafar Saadi, Qassim Mohammad, Salmiya Qadir, Laila Mohammad, Sana Abdul Rahman.		
10.45 Minal Alf Ala Aliya: variety show. Host Tareq Habib talks to guest Sayed Makawi.		
12.00 News Summary		
12.05 World News via Satellite		

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Joanna Karne and Alan Thicke in *Growing Pains*.

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ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
DAILY: 5 pm onwards: Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Friday: 9 am onwards.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT-THURS: 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and a Gulf St. Arabian Gulf St.

Tareq Rajab Museum
SAT-THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. FRIDAYS: 9 am to noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

Sadu House
SAT-THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

THEATRE

Kathak Recital
OCT 27/28: IAC, Funaitees: India dance. Kuna Kum Dhar. Odissi dance by Ratna Roy and sarod recital by Dinsh Khan. For entry passes call 2423521, 2644863, 3904817.

Bengali Play
OCT 27/28: 6.30 pm. Mousetrap Theatre. The Mou-chak Group, a Bangladeshi group presents "Ballepurer Rupkatha, a fairy tale. For details phone A. Karim — 2627643; Dr Hayder — 5625456.

Colva Nite
OCT 27: 8.30 pm, Messilah. Beach Hotel. Colva Nite with music by the Top Ranks. For details phone 2434776; 2413884; 4310913; 5629141 (after 5 pm).

Goan Slide Show
OCT 28: Calling all Goans to attend a slide show on Goan heritage to be shown at the Sheraton Hotel at 11 am.

Halloween Party
OCT 31: Children's Hall-oween pool party at Messilah Beach. Fancy dress competition, pantomime fun and pool fun games. For reservations call the hotel ext. 739/751.

Kuwait Caledonians
DEC 24: St Andrews Night Dinner will be held at Messilah Beach Hotel. Guests from Scotland will be Abie and John Carmichael. For details and reservations ring 5335082; 3727690 ext. 253.

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David McArthur Recital
OCT 31: 8 pm, Mousetrap

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Diwali Celebration
Nov 10: The Indian Arts Circle will celebrate Diwali. Open to members and their guests. Passes available from the IAC, Funaitees. Tel: 3904817.

Nite Flight 88
NOV 10: SAS Hotel. The Tent. 9.30 pm: Airline staff will hold a social evening with music by Juke Box Band, Stepping Stones, and the Jazz Quartet. Buffet, contest, prizes and surprises. For reservations contact Ken Winston — 5740256; John — 2435440; Tony — 2415439.

Naval Youth Centre
NOV 17: Second social get-together at local hotel. Music by Stepping Stones. For details ring 2407360 after 3.30 pm. Goa Cultural Association.

DEC 8: Goa Cultural Association (S.U.F.A.) will hold their annual social evening at a local Kuwait hotel.

Piano and Violin Recital
NOV 23: Kuwait Hilton will present a piano and violin recital by Matthias Kellig and Tibor Kovacs. They will play compositions by Beethoven, Schubert and Brahms. Tickets available from the Hilton Lobby.

Theatre, Jahriya: British pianist David McArthur will give a recital as part of his third annual Gulf tour. For details contact 2469348/2441746/240-2287.

Bob Marley Night
NOV 4: SAS Tent, 7.30 to 9.30 pm: Steve Michael and The Electric Rendezvous will be seeking to recreate the spirit of Jamaica, with a tribute to Bob Marley, the king of reggae.

EDUCATION

British Council
OCT 26: 5.30 pm. A talk for students with a non-British secondary education will be held at the British Council, Mansouriya. For seat reservations call 2515512.

CINEMA

Children's Film
OCT 26-27: A film for children, Annie, will be shown at the British Council on Oct 26, 6 pm, and Oct 27, 10.30 am. Annie dreams of a life outside the orphanage and Daddy Warbucks makes her dream come true. Duration: 123 minutes. Admission free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512; 2533204.

SPORTS

Inter-commercial bowling league
OCT 27: 300 Club; 6.30 pm: Men's Division. PPA vs Kay &

Asso. Inc: Phil Supreme vs Magnolia; Haud Ligaya vs Al Naqib & Khattar.
OCT 28: 1 pm. Finals: Step-ladder.
Women's Division: 9 am. Magnolia vs Ged's; Far East Rest. vs Boodai.
NOV 4: 9 am. Finals. Magnolia vs Far East Rest.; Boodai vs Ged's.

Nomads Garden Fete
OCT 28: 12 noon to 4 pm. Kuwait Nomads R.F.C. Garden Fete at Messilah Beach Hotel. Raffle for a BA ticket to London or Madras. Lots of stalls, games and prizes. Fun for all the family. Admission: 500 fils. For details phone H. McArree (work) 4710576; G. Bennett — 5382663.

PBAK Awards
NOV 4: 4 pm: Ambassador Alunan C. Glang will present awards to the winners of the first PBAK inter-commercial bowling league. Buffet dinner. Admission: KD. 5 per person. For reservations phone Sara Maasiribang 4843447; Ojie Olor — 5634200; Cora Paras — 4897536.

Laser Club
NOV 4: Start of the Messilah Beach Laser Club's winter racing season. Laser owners and others interested are welcome. Instruction available. For details contact D. Clark — 2425947; P. Shepherd — 5314957; 4841513; P. Berry — 3924174.

CINEMA TODAY

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Al Salmiya Palestinian Women's Union Show Al Hamra Man Hunt Drive-In Ighial Madrasah (Arabic) Starring: Nabila Obaid, Sabireen, Hisbam Salim, Salah Qabil	Al Firdos Dayavan (Hindi) Starring: Vinod Khanna, Feroz Khan, Madhuri Dixi
Fahad Open-Air Anjuman (Hindi) Starring: Shabana Azmi, Farouk Shaikh	

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Zuhr	11.32
Asr	2.42 pm
Maghreb	5.06
Isha	6.24

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

AN idea that is not dangerous is unworthy of being called an idea at all — Oscar Wilde, Irish-born writer (1854-1900).

US presidential elections

Hollywood stars campaign for votes

By Ronald Clarke

LOS ANGELES. (Reuters): Members of Hollywood's "new" generation, such as Bruce Willis, Morgan Fairchild and Chuck Norris, are joining star-spangled rallies to bring in the votes, and campaign funds, for the US presidential candidates.

But big campaigners of the past — such as Warren Beatty, Paul Newman, Jack Nicholson and Jane Fonda on the Democratic side, and Clint Eastwood and Arnold Schwarzenegger for the Republicans — are staying mainly in the background, not making high profile runs of support for either candidate.

"A lot of people do not feel comfortable standing up and saying they are going to vote for George Bush," said actress Cheryl Ladd, one of television's former "Charlie's Angels" and a supporter of the Republican candidate.

The reason: Hollywood generally regards itself as a liberal Democratic institution, and many top film producers are proclaimed Democrats.

Interest On the Democratic side, big names such as Beatty were strong supporters of Gary Hart. But when Hart withdrew from the race for the nomination, some of the stars apparently lost interest in presidential politics this year instead of actively working for the man who eventually won the party's nomination, Massachusetts governor Michael Dukakis.

"But stars can help campaign, hring out the swing voters and the lazy voters," said Duane Garrell, a San Francisco lawyer and a Democratic fundraiser. With 47 electoral votes, California is a strategic state in the presidential contest.

Chuck Norris, a karate expert whose films include "The Hero" and "Missing in Action," was at Bush's side when the vice-president toured California towns. "I feel safe with Chuck at my side," Bush joked.

Norris admitted he was unpopular with certain producers for touring with Bush, saying: "They feel I should be

preparing for my next film." But many stars are still helping out. Bette Midler, Barbra Streisand and comedian Chevy Chase helped raise \$800,000 at a fund-raising show for Dukakis, his vice-presidential choice. Lloyd Bentsen, and several other Democrats, seeking re-election next month.

"I don't like Bush and I trust Dukakis," Chase said. With public opinion polls giving Bush the lead, Dukakis' wife, Kitty, standing in for her husband, told the celebrity crowd: "Don't give up the fight."

Two busloads of Hollywood celebrities, headed by Morgan Fairchild who has raised campaign funds for Democratic senators and for such causes as an AIDS clinic, toured California calling on people to become involved in the campaign.

Some of Hollywood's rising stars, including Fairchild, Rob Lowe, Tom Hulce, Justine Bateman, and Rue McClanahan from television's "Golden Girls," were on the buses. Asked if they were going to vote, some of the fans made clear their preference. "We want Rob Lowe," they shouted at the teen idol.

"The fact has to be faced that stars are usually bigger crowd-pullers than candidates," said political analyst George Bookly. Willis, a star of the television series "Moonlighting," was mobbed by fans when he attended vote-gathering rallies. People lining up to register to vote were swept aside.

Producer Jerry Weintraub, whose films include "Karate Kid," is a fund-raiser for Bush and flew to Los Angeles from New York recently to take Bush out to dinner. Customers, including Frank Sinatra and James Stewart, gave Bush a standing ovation at Chasen's, a Los Angeles restaurant which is a favourite of President Reagan.

When Bush criticised Dukakis for membership in the American Civil Liberties Union, Burt Lancaster, who won an Oscar for his role as a whisky-drinking salesman turned evangelist in "Elmer Gantry," went on television to say, "I am a card-carrying member of the ACLU."

South Africans battle over residential apartheid

By Kevin Jacobs

JOHANNESBURG. (UPI): Linda Petersen, 25, shares suburban concerns with other well-heeled households in upper-income Parktown North. But she has one of her own — a 40-year-old law that makes her a criminal because of her skin colour.

That law has become an overshadowing issue in Johannesburg, South Africa's biggest city, for the first local council elections taking place simultaneously nationwide on Wednesday.

Coming amid a seething national debate on the country's future course, the elections have sidelined mundane neighbourhood issues and turned them into a white poll about blacks — specifically whether shared neighbourhoods mark the beginning of the end of white rule. Petersen — not her real name — worries about her security, like her neighbours who install security doors and keep guard dogs to scare off intruders. But she also worries about the neighbourhoods, afraid of accusing stares and ignorant, unasked questions.

Illegal In the lexicon of apartheid, Petersen is "coloured". A racial law coyly titled the Group Areas Act says she lives illegally with the white father of her one-year-old son in uppermost Parktown North.

The local elections are not a referendum on scrapping the Group Areas Act. But campaigning has made it seem as if they were.

"Without a doubt this election is an informal referendum on desegregation," says Danie van Zyl, leader in the white Johannesburg City Council of the ruling National Party that wrote apartheid into law after a general election victory in 1948.

Under the act's unabashedly racist provisions, the minority white government has forcibly uprooted neighbourhoods — gone of them white.

expropriated property from churches, shopkeepers and homeowners, and dispersed solid communities to distant townships in the cause of segregationist social engineering.

Pressure from foreign governments, anti-apartheid isolation, political dissent within and pressure of numbers from an overwhelming black majority have dented apartheid's armour during the past decade.

Many social barriers that kept whites apart from mixed-race "coloureds," Asians and blacks have been broken.

But like a handful of others, underpinning apartheid's divisions, the Group Areas Act remains.

Now social pressures, housing demands and apparently lax prosecution are squeezing the law. This is nowhere more apparent than in central Johannesburg's high-density apartment suburbs of Hillbrow and Berea, where foreign visitors might believe apartheid is a myth.

"Integration in the Inner City of Johannesburg is too far gone for this kind of compartmentalization," says Tony Leon, City Council leader of the Liberal Progressive Federal Party campaigning to scrap the Group Areas Act.

"The law will probably be around still for another five years," Leon said. "It will be abandoned only when it has already been overtaken by events."

Fears Fanning the emotive issue is the right-wing Conservative Party that plays on old working-class whites' fears of being swamped by blacks if statutory divisions disappear.

"Vote for own areas," is the party's campaign slogan in every city district it is contesting.

Vowing obstructionist policies against any efforts to ease racial separation, the hardline party predicts it will control dozens of white town councils after the Oct 26 elections.

Warring communities erect higher barriers

Lebanon's partition will amount to economic suicide

By Zina Hemady

BEIRUT. (Reuters): Lebanon's warring communities daily erect higher barriers to a peaceful life together, hut economists and diplomats say they will never be able to live totally apart.

They say battered Lebanon's full partition into autonomous mini-states, widely seen as an inevitable trend of civil war, is impossible because it would amount to economic suicide.

"I am convinced partition cannot take place as all economic activity in the country would cease," economist Farid Baz told Reuters.

"If it did occur, that would be the end of everything." With Lebanon struggling under its worst political crisis in 45 years of independence, the spectre of rigid partition is uppermost in warnings from its

rival governments, regional power broker Syria and the United States.

Power Lebanon now has no head of state, Christian and Muslim-led governments have been vying for power for the past month and parliament proved so divided that it could not elect a speaker.

But economists and diplomats said warnings of the country's approaching destruction through partition were largely aimed at shaming the politicians.

They said the most that would happen on the ground was a hardening of the painful barriers which physically and mentally divide the estimated 2.7 million Lebanese. Real division into separate parts could never be sustained.

"From time to time, one side may say it welcomes partition in place of bloodshed," said a West-

tero diplomat. "But when they stop to think, they realise that it would be very bad for business."

Impoverished by 13 years of civil war, galloping inflation and the collapse of the national currency, Lebanon is too weak to sustain actual partition, economists said.

War The first people to be hit would be the thousands who trek to work every day through the ruins of the Green Line battle zone dividing Christian East Beirut from the Muslim West.

"I have a family which depends on my salary. If this money is cut, who knows how long it would take me to find another job," said 47-year-old Selim Eid, a father of three.

Eid, a technician at the Beirut University College in West Beirut, lives in the Christian sec-

tor and has risked his life by crossing the Green Line since the civil war started in 1975.

Trucks crammed with flour, fruit, vegetables and petrol line up every evening to cross the line with the tons of goods which one side of the city sells to the other.

"The most crucial question to be asked in case of partition is whether the resulting separated entities are economically viable," said an economist who declined to be identified. "They are not."

Bond At the centre of the trade is the Lebanese pound which, despite an alarming plunge in value, remains perhaps the strongest bond between Lebanese.

"It's the last link that remains between the Lebanese," said Baz. "The destruction of the pound means (full) partition."

Economists said the division

of Beirut had led government institutions to decentralise, but the Christian and Muslim sectors were still, and would remain, heavily interdependent.

West Beirut has the Central Bank, with over 60 per cent of Lebanon's gold reserves worth \$3.6 billion and \$1.25 million in foreign reserves stored in its underground vaults.

East Beirut and nearby Christian-controlled areas contain the main power stations and water and sewerage treatment plants as well as flour mills and petrol and gas storage depots.

Control Beirut's port, the only one in Lebanon large enough to handle oil tankers, is also under Christian control.

Most foreign and Christian-owned business fled to the relative safety of East Beirut in 1984 when the Muslim sector fell

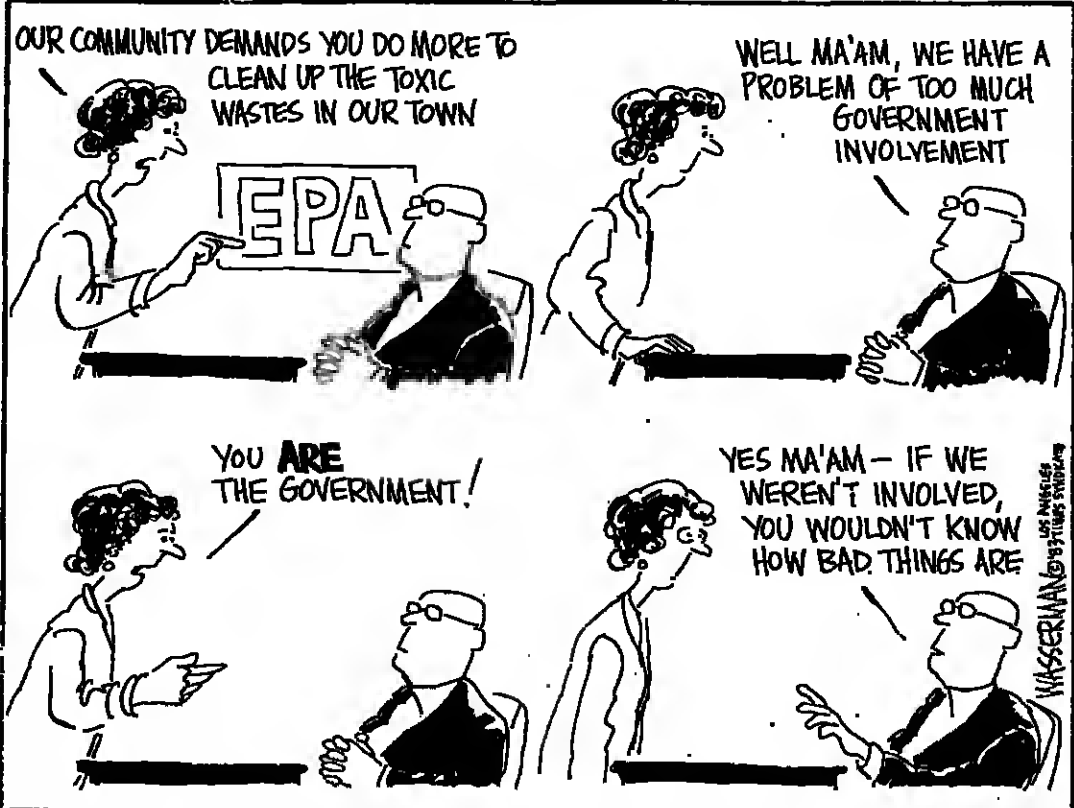
under the control of Muslim militias and kidnappers.

But, though Christian areas are more self-sufficient than Muslim areas, both private and public institutions based in East Beirut need access to the entire Lebanese market and all its resources to sustain their profits, the economists said.

"One cannot make a list of the things they (the Christians) have there and what the rest of Lebanon has and say either is an advantage or a disadvantage," said businessman Maurice Khoury.

"The port, power stations and flour mills were created to serve a much bigger market than the Christian east," said Khoury, whose company specialises in market research and economic forecasting.

"Without the rest of Lebanon, they will go bust in no time."



By Andrew Katell

TALLINN, USSR. (AP): Mart Niklus was awestruck when speakers at a conference approved by the Kremlin made the very statements that sent him to prison. But Niklus said this "freedom has not reached Soviet labour camps."

Nikus, a dissident for decades who was freed last July 8, heard two days of speeches as a guest delegate to an officially sanctioned meeting of the People's Front, an Estonian nationalist group.

"A lot has changed," he said. "People have become less afraid of publicity. They criticize the authorities boldly."

"People are more frank, open-hearted. National self-consciousness has become very strong. It's surprising for me."

Nikus agreed that fewer people are being jailed for political reasons, but also said the reform programme President Mikhail Gorbachev calls perestroika has not eased the misery of those already imprisoned.

"There have been no changes. Perestroika hasn't reached the correctional labour camps," he said.

Memories For Niklus, memories of arrests and prison are too vivid to permit complete belief in Gorbachev's reforms. He still holds his hand over his mouth when speaking on politically sensitive matters.

As a reminder to people at the conference, the 54-year-old former inmate wore the black-and-gray striped uniform of "special

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regime" prisoners like himself who are repeat offenders or considered especially dangerous.

Speakers at the Oct 1-2 gathering in Tallinn's city hall urged Moscow to renounce Josef Stalin's pact with the Nazis under which the Soviet Union took control of independent Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania in 1940.

"I was sentenced for that... I got 10 years for that," Niklus said in the excellent English he learned while studying ornithology before he was sent to prison.

He and 47 other activists signed an appeal on the 40th anniversary of the agreement. Aug 23, 1979, demanding its renunciation. He was arrested in April 1980 on charges of "anti-Soviet propaganda and agitation" and sentenced to 10 years in prison and five more in internal exile.

It was Niklus' fourth arrest. He spent eight years in jail in the 1960s.

Now even the Estonian Communist Party is calling for a review of Stalin's foreign and domestic policies.

The party also has taken up some of nationalist demands: making Estonian the official language, gaining control over the republic's economy and curbing immigration of non-Estonians.

As a "special regime" prisoner, Niklus spent most of his time in solitary. He was hospitalized for chronic back pain

and poor eyesight for a month after his release. "The ailments developed from being forced to sit for long periods in a small, dark cell."

To illustrate the decline of his health, Niklus displayed two photographs — one taken in 1976, before his latest imprisonment, in which he had a full head of black hair and full cheeks; the other taken after his release in July, showing a man with gray, thin hair and sunken cheeks.

"You are not treated as a human" in special regime, he said.

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China, Japan celebrate 10 years of peace treaty

illness of Emperor Hirohito, a Japanese official said.

He said political relations were good. "There are no major political problems between China and Japan," he said.

The most tangible legacy of the treaty has been economic. Japan has become China's second biggest trading partner after Hong Kong and the largest provider of cheap credit to fund ports, railways, coal mines and power stations.

However, private investment by Japanese companies has been small, a poor third after Hong Kong and the United States.

Japanese figures show Japanese investment in China last year was just 3.7 per cent of total overseas investment and only a quarter of that invested in Southeast Asia.

Treaty To change the trend, the two countries signed an investment protection treaty in August during a visit to Beijing by Takeshita.

Japanese firms remain cautious about investing in China, a Japanese banker said. Thailand, Malaysia and

Burning hatred in Northern Ireland

Integrated schools battle to bridge sectarian divide

By Paul Majendie

BELFAST. (Reuters): Integrated schools in Northern Ireland are battling against sectarian hatred that burns deep as acid in the British province.

Their pupils are outnumbered 500 to one by the children educated at separate Protestant and Catholic schools, but that ratio is certainly no deterrent to headmaster Tom Rowley.

"No amount of intimidation will chase us away," argues the rotund and irrepressibly optimistic principal of Belfast's Hazelwood Integrated College.

Working on the sectarian frontline in north Belfast where 15 murders were committed last year, he received a death threat on opening the school. His pupils have been stoned by Protestant children and beaten up by Catholics.

But Hazelwood has now been rescued from the verge of bankruptcy by the British government which has decided to give integrated schools state recognition and financial backing.

Reforms Northern Ireland's Education Minister Brian Mahoney announced on Oct 5 a package of education reforms which included financial help for such schools.

"Imagine Northern Ireland as a big sheet of paper with orange (representing the Protestant majority) on the one side and green (representing the Irish nationalist and Catholic minority) on the other," Hazelwood said.

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When the guerrillas instead, stepped up fighting, helped by continuing US arms supplies, the rulers in Kabul expected the Soviets to back out of the deal and leave their troops in Afghanistan.

But Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev had promised his "people that all the troops would be home by February. His domestic credibility and popularity were at stake and, after nine years of futile warfare, he was determined to get out.

"We are like a fire spreading from the middle. The government has put petrol on it. They won't put it out now."

Still that fire has a long way to burn to the edges of the paper. Northern Ireland has 340,000 pupils attending either Protestant-run or Catholic-run schools. Rowley said 650 children attend the North's eight integrated schools.

Hazelwood began in 1985 with 17 pupils, no classroom and a bunch of teachers and parents determined to smash the sectarian barriers in Northern Ireland where 3,000 people have died in a 20-year battle by the Irish Republican Army (IRA) to oust Britain.

The parent-teacher pioneers took over a disused building deep in pigeon excrement. From there they moved to their present site, a crumbling mansion overlooking Belfast lough. They now have 215 pupils and are expecting 100 more next year.

Destroy "This is the worst area in Northern Ireland for sectarian violence. We had 15 murders here last year," Rowley said.

"I had only been here a week when I got a death threat. That is not the usual game you play as a teacher."

"We have had youngsters stoned by kids from local Protestant primary schools and had out bus attacked. Also we have had children beaten by children from the local Catholic school. It is a symptom of our society that this should happen."

Rowley is eager to destroy myths about integrated schools

being confined to the middle classes in non-flashpoint areas.

Eighty per cent of our (pupils) are working class. About one third of the children are entitled to free meals because their parents are low income or unemployed," he said.

"Fundamentalist churches of either persuasion have no time for us. They believe their flock should be educated on their own and shielded from the outside world. It's incestuous."

"We don't have chaplains. We have religious education — three periods a week," he said. "We don't have pictures and crucifixes on the wall. That is just regalia."

Rowley, who is from a Protestant family background but would describe himself now as a humanist, said: "I don't have any religious belief that is even traceable by an X-ray machine."

"I am a humanist which inevitably leads to the old Belfast joke about whether you are a Protestant humanist or a Catholic humanist," he quipped.

To Rowley it is, special in education to build up a child's confidence in his own worth.

Reject "They live in their own medieval helmets. With low self-esteem, they reject everything alien," he said.

"If you raise that self-esteem, you can get the visor lifted and maybe get the helmet off... otherwise they have no inner strength to say no when the peer group says let's go and petrol bomb a Taig's (Catholic's) house or a Protestant's house."

Afghan officials bitter at the Soviets

When Afghan officials realized Moscow would not provide salvation, the mood in the party underwent a dramatic change.

Salvation "They are telling me openly that they hate us," a Soviet resident said. "They say that we created a big mess when we quite unnecessarily brought the Army here and now we're leaving them in the ditch to face the consequences."

Party members now say the Soviet leaders betrayed them for the sake of their own domestic politics and geopolitical priorities, including improved relations with the United States and China.

Soviet deals with resistance field commanders to refrain from attacking Russian troops

during the nine-month withdrawal that began May 15 also fuelled Afghan anger.

Afghan politicians and military commanders said: "The Soviets had cordially invited (the guerrillas) to concentrate their firepower on the units of the Afghan Army only." One Third World diplomat said: "Naturally, they were not pleased."

Capture While independent analysts believe it extremely unlikely the guerrillas will be able to capture Kabul in the near future, the mood of the party is clearly downbeat.

Many of the rocket barrages the rebels frequently launch on the city are aimed at a government housing area called Macrorayon. The casualty toll among inhabitants is high.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1524 — Spanish surrender Milan to France.
- 1814 — British governor-general of India declares war on Gurkhas of Nepal.
- 1850 — Taiping rebellion in China under Hung Siu-Tsuen, who proclaims himself emperor.
- 1896 — Italian protectorate of Ethiopia is withdrawn by Treaty of Addis Ababa.
- 1911 — Chinese Republic is proclaimed.
- 1917 — Brazil declares war against Germany in World War I.
- 1942 — US aircraft carrier Hornet is sunk in Solomon Islands battle in World War II.
- 1955 — Republic of South Vietnam is proclaimed under Ngo Dinh Diem.
- 1962 — Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev offers to withdraw missiles from Cuba if United States removes bases in Turkey, but is rebuffed.
- 1975 — Egypt's President Anwar Sadat arrives in United States with bid for military and economic aid. He is first the Egyptian head of state to visit United States.
- 1976 — UN General Assembly, demonstrating disapproval of apartheid, votes 134-0 to call on member governments to prohibit all "contacts" with the Transkei — first of South Africa black homelands to secure independence.
- 1979 — South Korea's President Park Chung-Hee is slain in KCIA headquarters.
- 1987 — Communist Party official in China says peasants soon may be allowed to buy and sell their land rights.

John in LIT

To be had or not to be had

By Kathy Cuddihy

IN another five days our normally peaceful evening will be disrupted by the incessant ring of the doorbell. We'll answer it because tradition demands our co-operation, but we'll have mixed emotions about the exercise. Curiosity makes us want to see the cute costumes, but we'll also be nervous about the possible outcome of opening the door to a bunch of little monsters waiting to shout "Trick or Treat." Willingly, we'll pay them off with treats because who knows what tricks they might play on us otherwise?

Believe me, this is the voice of experience speaking. I suffer the distinction of being a perennial victim, even when I render the ransom of treats. My children have voted me The Mother Easiest to Dupe. They love to "try out" their tricks on me, just to make sure they'll get the level of surprise/fear/frustration to the right standard before "going professional" on their peer group.

It's not that I'm particularly glib (I keep telling myself), just that the

kids are particularly clever at the art of trickery. Even when I'm pretty sure they're clowning around, I feel I have to pretend to be fooled, otherwise they carry on with the farce forever.

The fake blood trick is a prime example. We've had it dramatically oozing out from any number of wounds. The hoax often comes complete with the effect of grazed knee or, even more spectacular, a kitchen knife protruding from a torn shirt. Can any mother afford to presume that blood is automatically a joke? I'm terrified that the one time I shoot them out of the house instead of "playing along" someone might bleed to death!

Less sensational but more annoying are the various squirting tricks. You know, "Smell my flower, Mom" and gets a stream of cold water in the eye. Ditto for the "Can you sign my homework" scam. I'll soon have to install windscreen wipers on my glasses. I'll also have to overcome my conditioned aversion to flowers and pens.

The disappearing ink trick has only got the better of me one time: I had laid out a beautiful cream silk and lace blouse and then

left the room. When I returned I was horrified to see a damp puddle of blue ink sitting smack dab in the middle of the blouse. After hastily swallowing my heart which had suddenly popped into my mouth, I tore around the house, screaming for the guilty culprit to reveal him/herself. Eventually I collared the two suspects and dragged them into the bedroom to confront them with the evidence. The problem was, the evidence had conveniently evaporated according to plan... much to the uncontrolled delight of two little imps.

Then there are "fake" tricks: fake vomit, fake dog do-do's, etcetera, etcetera. I admit that they used to fool me. I also admit that I find it wiser to continue to let them fool me. The price is too high to chance being a smart alek. Again, this is the voice of experience. One day I decided to show my kids that I really wasn't as dumb as they thought.

"So, guys, another cute trick, eh? You want me to get all upset because it looks as though the cat has thrown up on the Persian carpet. Well, you've played this trick just once too

often. Here's what I think of your practical jokes." With that announcement, delivered in a suitably superior tone of voice, I slapped my hand hard onto a fresh mound of the real thing... much to the uncontrolled delight of the two little imps.

But they don't always have the last laugh. The other morning I woke my son gently asking him, "Kieran, do you want to see the new ring Dad bought me?"

"Ok, Mom," came the sleepy reply. With immense satisfaction, I squeezed the rubber ball hidden in the palm of my hand. Whoosh, went a perfectly aimed jet of water.

"I shouldn't have fallen for that one, Mom," came the bemused reaction from the now wide awake prankster.

"But I'm sure glad you did." This minor success gives me a slight measure of confidence for the 31st. But when borders of little trick-or-treaters ring our doorbell, I'll remind myself that no matter how cute they look, one or two of them might just collect a treat... and then linger to play a well-perfected trick.

Are you a saint or sinner?

By Alex Molloy

ARE you the kind of person that people love or despise? Do friends think of you as the nicest person they know or the nastiest? In short are you a saint or a sinner? Do this quiz and discover the truth about you.

1. You are sitting on a crowded train when a pregnant woman gets on. Do you:
a) Pretend to fall asleep?
b) Debate whether or not to give up your seat?
c) Jump up at once and offer her your seat?
d) Stare straight ahead and ignore her?

2. It is your best friend's birthday. Do you give them:
a) Nothing?
b) Something nice but cheap?
c) Something you know they will love even if it is more than you can afford?
d) Give them back the birthday present they gave you last year?

3. Your ideal holiday would be spent:
a) In Europe's red light districts?
b) The Costa del Sol?
c) Rome, so that you can visit the Vatican?
d) Anywhere with lots of sun, sea and members of the opposite sex?

4. You go out with a friend and their partner — who makes a pass at you. Do you:
a) Respond in front of your friend — you will do anything for a good time?
b) Flirt a little, but let it go on further?
c) Take great offence and leave?
d) Smile wickedly and arrange a secret date?

5. You hear your boss discussing promotion prospects. The person competing with you for the new job needs it more than you. Do you:
a) Decide to fight for it tooth and nail?
b) Shrug and let whatever happens happen?
c) Try to help the other person get the job?
d) Drop some hints that you think the other person would be better suited to something else?

6. It is your grandmother's birthday and your parents have arranged a family party. You have already arranged to go out with some friends. Do you:
a) Invite your friends to the party?
b) Go to the party and then go out with your friends?
c) Stay at home — your family are more important?
d) You do not care about your grandmother so you go out with your friends as arranged?

7. You agree to babysit for a friend's children. When you arrive they are still awake. Do you:
a) Smile when the parents are in, then shout at them when the parents have gone out?
b) You do not care what they

Are you a kind friend and a good neighbour — or one of the nastiest people you know? Discover your repulsiveness rating, or your saintliness score, in our easy-to-answer quiz.



Now add how many A's, B's, C's or D's you have scored and find out if you are a saint or a sinner.

Mostly A

You are not only a sinner, you are downright disgusting. You sometimes wonder why you have no friends but you are not really too bothered. Try to be a little kinder and you may find life gets a lot better. If you can't do that then you are beyond hope.

Mostly B

You are middle-of-the-road person who hovers between rudeness and kindness. You are not sure about what you want in life or how you want to live it

— because you might just change for the worse.

Mostly C

Either you are too good to be true or you have been lying. If your answers have been truthful then I suggest you stop letting people walk all over you. Put your foot down occasionally. It is the only way you will get rid of your doormat reputation.

Mostly D

You have gone past simple sinning and are on the road to real debauchery. If there is any hope for you at all try to find it. Otherwise you will spend the rest of your life with no friends and your life going from bad to worse.

do as long as they stay in their bedroom?

e) Happily join in their fun and games?

d) Send them to bed so you can phone your partner and hit the drinks cabinet?

8. You are walking when you find a purse crammed with money. Do you:
a) Pocket the cash and throw the purse away?
b) Have a sneaky look then decide to leave it where you found it?
c) Take it straight to the police station?
d) Take a large note and leave the rest?

9. You see a girl you hate walking down the street with her skirt tucked into her knickers. Do you:
a) Follow her down the road laughing and pointing?
b) Feel very embarrassed for her, but say nothing?
c) Tap her on the shoulder and politely tell her of her predicament?
d) Follow her into a crowded shop and then tell her at the top of your voice?

10. You crash into the back of a parked car. Nobody sees you. Do you:
a) Drive off?
b) Dither until someone does see you and takes down your car's registration number?
c) Write out your name, address and phone number and put it on the windscreen?
d) Bash it again?

11. You go out for a meal with a friend who is on a strict diet. Do you:
a) Order double helpings of the most fattening things on the menu?
b) Order steak and kidney pie, but oo first or last course?
c) Join her for the day and nibble a salad?
d) Persuade her to join you in eggs, chips and beans and chocolate cake and icecream?

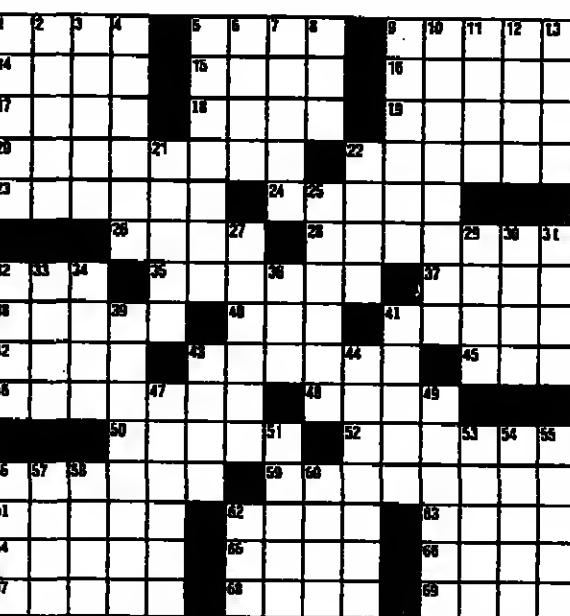
12. Is your favourite movie:
a) Death Wish?
b) Any James Bond film?
c) The Sound of Music?
d) Any Emmanuelle film?

13. What is the most likely to make you cry:
a) When your partner leaves you without buying the expensive dress they promised?
b) Your dog dies?
c) A pet snaps off the head of your prized plants?
d) Getting caught with your best friend's spouse?

14. What is your favourite pastime:
a) Causing trouble?
b) Having a meal with friends?
c) Going to the shops for your elderly neighbour?
d) Being rude to whoever crosses your path?

15. Which pop star would you most like to be?
a) Lemmy from Motorhead?
b) Whitney Houston?
c) Cliff Richard?
d) Prince?

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Salad serving
- 5 Beginning
- 9 Stable sound
- 14 Bellhop
- 15 An Adams
- 16 Boxer's goal
- 17 Copiad
- 18 Confined
- 19 Canal Zona town
- 20 Ringing sound
- 22 Oancer's garb
- 23 Enrolls
- 24 Disburse
- 26 Vested garment
- 28 Annapolis graduates
- 32 System of courts
- 35 Emphasize
- 37 Capture
- 38 Ravera
- 40 Resentment
- 41 Brisk
- 42 South Pacific setting
- 43 Doorway
- 45 Unfamiliar
- 46 Rephrased
- 48 Explorer
- 50 Kally and Krupa
- 52 Startles
- 56 Plays for time
- 59 Time sound
- 61 High nast
- 62 Tijuana dish
- 63 Island dance
- 64 Tour of duty
- 65 Unyielding

DOWN

- 1 Detective Sam
- 2 Rabbit fur
- 3 Go-between
- 4 Golf irons
- 5 Bank transaction
- 6 Mideast gulf
- 7 Filer's emblem
- 8 Seina
- 9 Colors
- 10 Big bash
- 11 Hankering
- 12 Vending machine feature
- 13 Coop dwellers
- 21 Lebanese sect
- 22 Greenbacks
- 25 Cordoba coin
- 27 Vacuum tube
- 29 Winnings
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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 72 ♥ AKJ6 ♦ 9872 ♣ Q105

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Dbl ?

What action do you take?

A.—It is a close decision between a redouble and one no trump. The trouble with the former is, should the opponents land in two clubs and that gets back to you, you have no clear-cut action. Therefore, we prefer one no trump, the most descriptive bid.

Q.2—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ Q1092 ♥ 73 ♦ AQJ103 ♣ A8

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♥ Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—One of the chief features of your hand is its distributional assets. You can highlight that by showing your second suit now. Bid two spades.

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ Q1092 ♥ 73 ♦ AQJ103 ♣ A8

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♥ Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—If you raised to only three hearts, you are passing the buck. Forget about points. Partner has promised six hearts; you have three-card support, two aces, an established suit and a ruffing value. You have enough to jump to four hearts.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ AK63 ♥ J952 ♦ A98 ♣ J4

Partner opens the bidding with one club. What do you respond?

A.—In response to partner's minor-suit opening bid, you should bid four-card suits up-the-line. Here, that would mean responding one heart, despite the vast difference in quality between your two major suits. That virtually guarantees that you won't miss a 4-4 fit in either major.

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ AJ1063 ♥ 952 ♦ 72 ♣ AJ8

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♥ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—When partner makes a demand bid and the opponents intervene, there is a conventional way to show some cards in the overcaller's suit and nothing more. You must double. That way partner knows he cannot expect any working cards in the other suits.

Q.6—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ Q1052 ♥ 763 ♦ 9842 ♣ 83

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

2 ♠ 2 ♠ ?

What action do you take?

A.—When partner makes a demand bid and the opponents intervene, there is a conventional way to show some cards in the overcaller's suit and nothing more. You must double. That way partner knows he cannot expect any working cards in the other suits.

Q.7—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ Q1052 ♥ 763 ♦ 9842 ♣ 83

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

2 ♠ 2 ♠ ?

What action do you take?

A.—When partner makes a demand bid and the opponents intervene, there is a conventional way to show some cards in the overcaller's suit and nothing more. You must double. That way partner knows he cannot expect any working cards in the other suits.

Q.8—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ Q1052 ♥ 763 ♦ 9842 ♣ 83

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

2 ♠ 2 ♠ ?

What action do you take?

A.—When partner makes a demand bid and the opponents intervene, there is a conventional way to show some cards in the overcaller's suit and nothing more. You must double. That way partner knows he cannot expect any working cards in the other suits.

Q.9—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ Q1052 ♥ 763 ♦ 9842 ♣ 83

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

2 ♠ 2 ♠ ?

What action do you take?

A.—When partner makes a demand bid and the opponents intervene, there is a conventional way to show some cards in the overcaller's suit and nothing more. You must double. That way partner knows he cannot expect any working cards in the other suits.

Q.10—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ Q1052 ♥ 763 ♦ 9842 ♣ 83

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

2 ♠ 2 ♠ ?

What action do you take?

A.—When partner makes a demand bid and the opponents intervene, there is a conventional way to show some cards in the overcaller's suit and nothing more. You must double. That way partner knows he cannot expect any working cards in the other suits.

Q.11—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ Q1052 ♥ 763 ♦ 9842 ♣ 83

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

2 ♠ 2 ♠ ?

What action do you take?

A.—When partner makes a demand bid and the opponents intervene, there is a conventional way to show some cards in the overcaller's suit and nothing more. You must double. That way partner knows he cannot expect any working cards in the other suits.

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will not be altogether pleased with the way you have conducted yourself, but it is now too late to change things. Instead of regretting the past you should look forward to the future. Give others a chance too. Be generous.



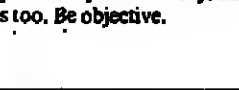
Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You would do well to give others the benefit of any doubt. Make sure you eat a balanced diet. Do not rely altogether on your memory, make notes too. Be objective.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You would do well to give others the benefit of any doubt. Make sure you eat a balanced diet. Do not rely altogether on your memory, make notes too. Be objective.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will have to use a little more commonsense and stick to what is strictly practical. You are somewhat in danger of repeating yourself. Do not think that you have all the time in the world. Be cordial.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

Something that you thought would cause a great many problems will turn out to be relatively easy. You should not allow yourself to be distracted. You will tend to run out of patience rather rapidly. Be less aggressive.



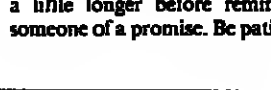
Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

Avoid tiring yourself and make sure you get enough rest. You are all too liable to allow work to become predominant, don't. Wait a little longer before reminding someone of a promise. Be patient.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

If you are a little more patient you will be well rewarded. Make sure you get enough but not too energetic exercise. Do all you can to avoid making a nuisance of yourself. Be tolerant.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You will not be in the best of moods and should try to keep out of controversy. Mars' better influence will help you to make good progress at work. Make sure you give credit where it is due. Be moderate.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You will be able to think more positively. If the right decision is a little unpopular so be it. You should make sure you do not exaggerate or exceed reasonable limits. Be amenable.



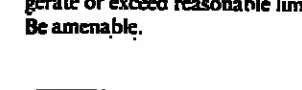
Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

Something you had feared will not happen but something you had not anticipated will. Do your best to avoid complicating matters still further. You should take the best possible care of your health. Be tactful.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

You will tend to get things out of proportion. Someone you had believed to be a good friend of yours will turn out not to be. You would be wrong to rely on luck and this is no time to gamble either. Be attentive.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

The Moon's less favourable influence will tend to impair your judgement. Your intuition is not such a good guide as you would wish it to be. You will be better able to accept the situation. Be less fussy.

By Ivor Davis

"I WAS terrified the first time I came face to face with a 1,000 pound silverback (gorilla)," says rugged Australian actor Bryan Brown. "We were deep in the heart of the African jungle — a five-hour hike up the mountain from nowhere — just Sigourney Weaver, myself and a couple of others. We had no guns, no weapons — just us and the silverback." (Silverback refers to an adult male gorilla, recognizable by a shade of silvery grey on its back.)

Brown is no coward, although the macho hero of the TV miniseries *Thorn Birds* (1983) and *A Town Like Alice* (1981) and features films *F/X* (1986) and *Tai Pan* (1985) admits, "A headline flashed in my mind: 'Australian actor mauled to death in the middle of Africa.' But by the end of the day I realized if I did everything right I would be OK, and I was."

Gorillas in the Mist is the true story of Kentucky-born Dian Fossey, who devoted her life to the study of simians. She was so driven by her desire to protect the gorilla that she gave up the real world for them. In 1985 she was hacked to death as she slept in her jungle home in Rwanda by a killer or killers who have never been brought to justice. Even the motive for her murder remains a mystery.

Hollywood was so fascinated by the life and times of Fossey that two major studios — Warner Brothers and Universal — were embroiled in a battle to bring her story to the screen. One was to be based on Fossey's book *Gorillas in the Mist* (1983, Houghton Mifflin), the other on the memoirs of Bob Campbell, a British-born National Geographic photographer whose pictures chronicled the fascinating world of Fossey.

Atmosphere
For more than a year it looked as if it would be a race to see who could be first at the box office. But good sense finally prevailed and the two film factories teamed up for "Gorillas," relying on Fossey's book and Campbell's consulting services as references. The film is directed by Michael Apted and stars Weaver as Fossey and Brown as Campbell, the photographer who falls in love with her.

Both Brown and Apted say there was never any talk of shooting in a controlled atmosphere. "There has never been this kind of shooting done on such a scale in Rwanda. It

Filming gorillas in the mist — no monkey business for stars



Bryan Brown (left) and Sigourney Weaver on the look-out for gorillas in the jungles of Rwanda. The film is about the life of Dian Fossey who devoted her life to the study of simians.

caused us huge difficulties, but this is clearly where the gorillas are and I made the decision to take us there," says Apted.

Brown adds that the ordeal of shooting the film in such a remote location was wearying experience. "Physically," he says, "it was the toughest film I've ever worked on. Every day in Rwanda we would start out at 6am from our makeshift tent city with a one-hour ride on a rough dirt road. By the time we climbed out of our jeeps we all felt sick to our stomachs. But there was a lot more to come. Hundreds of us, including the camera crew, extras and the Rwandans, who served as porters and carriers, would walk two hours uphill over rough terrain to the edge of the jungle. Then came the real tough part: We had to find the gorillas."

"When we did," Brown continues, "a handful of us would track them through the deep foliage, maybe for another two or three hours, and hope like hell they would stop for a breather so we could set up the cameras and shoot. At times we

would be ready to begin and they would move on. We often wasted a complete day.

"Then, when the day was over, it was back to our camp," he says. "No helicopters or airlifts — everything on foot. At times I would pray, 'Please, let me wake up so I don't have to go out into the jungle in the morning.'"

Hardships

But, according to Brown, the hardships were worth it. "We shot hundreds of hours of amazing footage," he says, adding that 90 per cent of the extraordinary film footage of Weaver and himself cowering with wild gorillas was shot on location in the jungles of Rwanda. "My early fear of the gorillas turned into cockiness. I even got a little cheeky, climbing up a tree with three of them. By that time we got to know them well, and they us."

However, Brown recalls some frightening moments. "One day a big silverback called Ziz charged at Sigour-

ney. His fur was bristling, his back was arched and he looked fierce. Sigourney's heart was jumping — so was mine — but she put her head down and stood like a statue in a submissive pose as she had been taught and everything was all right.

Weaver, who battled frightening space creatures in two *Alien* movies (1979, 1986), proved indefatigable. To prepare for her jungle ordeal she watched hours of film footage of Fossey at work and says getting acquainted with the wild animals was easier than she had expected. "I was taught never to look them directly in the eyes, but I couldn't help it," she says. "I felt as though I was meeting an old friend."

Even with so much energy expended on coping with the harsh climate, the rough terrain and the tracking of gorilla bands, it was important not to lose the threads of the powerful story.

"Michael Apted knew that we had to emphasize the love story between Dian and Bob to

Visited

That means spending a great deal of time visiting each other in far-flung film locations. Ward visited her husband in China when he was there for five months shooting *Tai Pan*. Brown recently returned from London where Ward worked on *How to Get Ahead in Advertising*, a feature film scheduled for release next year. And his family visited him in Jamaica while he shot *Cocktail*.

Later this year Brown will play the tourist in Sri Lanka where Ward will work on *The Life and Crimes of Charles Sobhraj*, a TV miniseries made jointly by British and Australian studios. And early next year they both plan to be in Australia where Brown will star in *Blood Oath* an Australian TV miniseries about the Japanese war-crimes trials that took place after World War II.

"We do spend a lot of time on planes but we also get to spend six months a year at home in Sydney," he says. "There are separations but the benefits outweigh them. In this business you choose your poison and stick with it, whether it is in freezing Toronto or balmy Jamaica."

Tough guy Caan back in films

By Matthew Heller

LOS ANGELES, (Reuter): If James Caan personifies one quality, it is toughness.

He became a Hollywood star in the 1970s playing tough guys in such films as *The Godfather*, for which he got an Oscar nomination, *The Gambler* and *The Killer Elite*.

Off screen, the man known in high school as "killer Caan" has ridden in rodeo competitions and managed a professional boxer. He wears a Harley Davidson T-shirt to an interview, and sprinkles his conversation with unprintable epithets.

But life, too, has been tough for Caan. In the past few years, he has mourned the untimely death of his sister, fought off a drug problem and suffered serious financial troubles.

Now, at 49, his challenge is to revive a film career that had lain dormant during his recent personal upheavals.

Last year, he won good reviews for his performance as an Army sergeant in the commercially unsuccessful *Gardens of Stone*, his first film since *Kiss Me Goodbye* in 1982.

In *Alien Nation*, his new action film, Caan returns to familiar territory.

Tough
He plays Sykes, a tough, bigoted policeman in a Los Angeles of the near future whose partner is killed by members of a new race, humanoids called "newcomers", who have just arrived from another planet.

Sykes teams up with one "newcomer" (played by Mandy Patinkin) to find the culprits. Through their unusual rapport, he is forced to confront his racial prejudices.

Caan brings to the role the imposing physical presence that belies his true build — a slim five-foot-10-inches (1.78 metres) — as well as his distinctive tight-lipped delivery.

"I tried very hard not to fall into that mould of the same type of character all the time," he says. "There are people who see me and think, 'But the truth is people would rather see me that way.'"

For several years, audiences did not see Caan at all. Some accounts said he had lost his passion for acting, but he insists



James Caan — tough image

that was not the case.

"I had a greater passion for my son," he recalled in an interview. Twice-divorced, Caan has been raising his son Scott, now aged 12, in his Bel-Air mansion.

"I didn't have a great need to be up there ... for notoriety. I had lost my sister. I just realised it's so much nicer to go to work when you want to go to work than when you have to go to work."

Caan said he found other satisfying creative activities — coaching soccer and little league baseball. "I'd take a kid and teach him to do something and you don't have to wait six months for them to cut it and put music to it. It happened right in front of your eyes."

He also tried his hand briefly at managing a boxer.

Caan was cast in a film called *The Holocaust*, released in 1985, but walked out of the production in London.

His return to the screen in *Gardens of Stone*, he said, was prompted by financial need and the chance to work again with Francis Ford Coppola, who directed *The Godfather*.

But even *Gardens of Stone* was marked by tragedy as Coppola struggled to cope with his son's death in a boating accident. "Francis looks back

now and he has no idea what the picture was about," Caan said.

Still, Caan, who conquered what a spokesman called a cocaine problem, was encouraged by positive reviews for his performance and the sense he was welcome back in Hollywood.

"I guess word-of-mouth got out that I didn't look like Howard Hughes and I was OK ... that I'm not shooting heroin," he said, breaking into the raucous laugh that punctuates his conversation.

He is optimistic about the commercial prospects for *Alien Nation*, which co-stars Terence Stamp as a villainous "newcomer" businessman.

"I thought that this picture if done right had the possibility of linking the two audiences — the younger audience who would go for that alien business and the older audience who might like the action and the story."

As for future projects, Caan says he is eager to work if the circumstances are right. "I want to be on a boat about sailing. I'd like to go to work with great people, good scripts, etc. that would be terrific."

Reverting to tough guy banter he added: "The only role that's coming up is the chairman of the board this morning."

By Judy Byrne

IF there is one thing you can put money on it is that the Fonda family won't be out of the headlines for long. Superstar Henry's marriages made the news time and time again. His son Peter has become a cult figure, while daughter Jane, of aerobic workout fame, is one of Hollywood's all time superstars.

But now a new name has been added to the Fonda dynasty — Bridget.

The sexy 24-year-old, who is Peter's daughter, was plucked from obscurity to play the lead in the film *Scandal*, which brought down the British government during the Sixties.

And, just like her famous forebears, she has become the focus of controversy before even a foot of film has been shot.

The Fonda family has a history of long-running feuds and fallings-out. Fiery Jane, brother Peter — an ex-dropout who once shot himself and lived to tell the tale — and their much-married father, Henry, have been at each others' throats for years.

Even Jane is now under siege too. A group of American veterans want her tried for treason because of her infamous trip to Hanoi during the Vietnam War in 1972.

At the time, the Justice Department investigated but did not press charges and although middle America was initially outraged, attitudes did

The Fonda dynasty: a long-running soap opera

slowly calm down.

Now Jane has mellowed to the point where she has said on television: "I would like to say something to men who were in Vietnam, who I hurt, or whose pain I caused to deepen because of things I said or did."

"I feel I owe them an apology. My intentions were never to hurt. I was trying to help end the killing."

That has not been enough, however, to heal the lingering war wounds of some Vietnam veterans. The Connecticut Veterans' Coalition Forum is now trying to have her tried for treason.

The issue flared again when Jane planned to start work in Waterbury, Connecticut, on a film, *Union Street*, co-starring Robert de Niro.

Retired National Guard Major General Gaetano Russo started the campaign with a letter to his local paper. It snowballed with his car bumper stickers that said: "I'm not Fonda's Hanoi Jane", which are now selling like hot-cakes at \$1 a time. And when asked about the \$5,000,000 the film was expected to be worth to the town, General Russo blasted: "She can keep her 30 pieces of silver."

Jane has so far refused to comment about the attempt to put her on trial. Meanwhile Bridget's film, *Scandal*, which tells the story of the Sixties Profumo affair has also run



Jane Fonda: under siege from Vietnam war veterans

into flak.

There has been pressure from some upper-crust circles to let sleeping sex scandals lie. Several actors turned down the role of former Cabinet Minister Profumo on the grounds that the man whose political career was terminally injured has suffered enough. But Bridget has joined a strong cast.

Shakespearean actor Ian McKellan is playing Profumo and John Hurt is to play Stephen Ward, the society osteopath who committed suicide when criminal charges were brought against him. Bridget plays Mandy Rice-Davies and Joanne Whalley is her sister-in-law, Christine Keeler.

Beautiful Bridget did well to land the role which was hotly contested. The film's producer Steve Woolley says: "We searched for 12 months and she was the most powerful actress we tested for the part. She has sex appeal and is going to be a major star."

It would, perhaps, be more surprising if Bridget wasn't a big star, with her combination of looks, genes and background. Jane steered her towards the Lee Strasberg drama studio in New York where she spent three years studying.

But she had been learning the movie business over her breakfast cornflakes and at her grandfather's knee all her life. And of the Fonda dynasty, Bridget has made the biggest splash from the start.

Her television advertisement

All their lives, the Fonda family have attracted trouble. First there was Henry and his relationship with his wives and wayward children. Now Jane is still causing problems, while Bridget in one of her first acting roles, is creating havoc too.



Bridget Fonda: making a film debut in *Scandal*

for the film, *Aria*, in which she appeared almost nude, was banned from American television for being too steamy.

Her father, Peter Fonda, two years Jane's junior, once said: "What my father wanted was two nice, clean kids. What he got for a while was Jane, who spent a year being psycho-analysed, and me, who spent two weeks taking LSD trips."

Henry had grown up in a narrow and puritanical environment in the mid-Western state of Nebraska. His stern distant, parents soon made their mark on him. The veteran star, who oozed warmth on screen, was a cold young man who frightened Jane's schoolfriends.

His marriage to widowed socialite Frances Seymour



Peter Fonda: an ex-dropout who once shot himself

drawn father and children closer, but it became another nail in the coffin. Fonda ordered a conspiracy of silence about their mother's suicide.

Eventually Jane found out about the tragedy from a magazine, and the discovery drove a further wedge between father and children. Years later Henry said: "I thought they were too young to know the whole truth, but the bottom line is I told a lie and it hurt our relationship."

While Henry was on his boneyard with his third wife, who was only ten years older than Jane, Peter shot himself. He no longer knows if he meant to kill himself, but he certainly came close. Doctors fought for hours to save his life.

Wedge
The incident was yet another wedge between him and his father.

But Susan Fonda became a stabilising influence on the lives of her step-children. Jane, in particular, adored her. And the realisation that the marriage was on the rocks devastated her.

Henry next married 24-year-old Baroness Alder Franchette. By now, he was 52. Jane was at the Ivy League girls' college, Vassar, and bated it.

Once again Peter disrupted the boneyard, only this time the problem was drugs.

Later, Jane's passion for left-wing causes widened the rift between her and her father, whose approval she passionately wanted. To cap it all she even gave a Black Panther

salute at an Oscars ceremony dressed in a Chanel gown and mink wrap.

Her "Hanoi Jane" stand infuriated her war veteran father, Henry. But behind the certainty of her convictions a deeply-uncertain psyche betrayed itself in the eating disease bulimia nervosa. The star, now envied for her exemplary shape, was booked on a cycle of bingeing, gorging and vomiting.

Peter Fonda made the big time as an actor in *Easy Rider* and moved gradually from starring to making films. Jane says: "I still remember the night he rang dad long distance. Christmas, I think it was. And he said 'I love you, dad.'"

Reconciliation
For Jane, reconciliation came in July, 1980 on Squam Lake, New Hampshire. Fonda was then 76. Two years before, on his birthday, Jane had bought him the idea of a film she wanted to make with him.

It was *On Golden Pond*, the story of a crochety old man, not on good terms with his daughter. Jane recalls: "On film we were actually trying to move towards each other, to find the right kind of relationship that a daughter and father should have."

"Well, when it was over the whole crew were in tears. And I said to my dad: 'I guess we all had problems with our fathers.' And he said 'I love you Jane, very much.' That's worth all the



In her forties, Jane Fonda is more concerned with keeping fit and advising other women to follow in her footsteps.



Jane Fonda, a champion of left-wing causes in her earlier days marches with Indian pickets in Seattle, USA.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Mubarak tells officials to stay home and save money

CAIRO, Oct 25, (Reuters): Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak told ministers and officials yesterday to save money by cutting down on foreign travel. Information Minister Sawwat Sharif said.

At a six-hour cabinet meeting — one of the longest since he came to power in 1981 — Mubarak ordered the Foreign Ministry and other government offices to cut travel and the number of officials working abroad.

Measures were announced as senior officials held talks with International Monetary Fund (IMF) experts on ways of reforming Egypt's economy and reducing its £5 billion (\$2.2 billion) budget deficit.

Prices

Falling oil prices will cost Egypt about \$400 million in lost revenue in the fiscal year which started in July, Mubarak said recently.

It is burdened with a foreign debt estimated at about \$43 billion and rescheduled instalments of more than \$6 billion up to the end of June.

Agreement with the IMF on a new stand-by credits package will pave the way for Cairo to reschedule another \$4 billion of payments to the end of 1989.

Sharif told reporters Mubarak gave ministers two weeks to say how they planned to cut travel allowances and the number of bureaucrats travelling abroad.

Deposit growth in rural areas on top

Innovation breeds success, says banker

By M.C. Bose

INDIA'S massive banking system has grown rapidly over the past 18 years.

Although the Indian economy was seriously affected during the current financial year (1987-88) by severe drought and floods in several parts of the country, industrial production continued to climb and the country's trade deficit declined. M.G.K. Nair, chairman and managing director of Indian Bank said recently.

He was visiting Kuwait to brief Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) about a new lending plan. It was originally proposed by the government of India and Nair has introduced it.

Nair was accompanied by K. Cherian Varghese, deputy general manager of Indian Bank, International Division.

Support

Indian Exchange Corporation, Kuwait is getting management support from the Indian Bank. S. Arunachalam, general manager of IEC and Fahaheel Branch Manager M. Gopala Krishnan and other staff members organised a reception luncheon in honour of the officials.

The deposit growth of the banking industry for the year which ended June 30, 1988, was the highest in rural areas at more than 18 per cent. It was 17.9 per cent for semi-urban areas, 16.8 per cent for metropolitan areas



M.G.K. Nair, (second from left), chairman and managing director of the Indian Bank, is shown with S. Arunachalam (extreme right), general manager of the Indian Exchange Corporation.

and 15.9 per cent for urban areas. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has said the credit growth has been the highest in semi-urban areas at 17 per cent. It was 15.6 per cent in rural areas and 11.7 per cent in urban/metropolitan areas. Among the bank groups, regional rural banks have ranked first in the growth rate of both deposits and credit. Their deposits have risen by 28.4 per cent in credit and by 25.3 per cent in deposits.

The industrial sector was able to withstand the adverse impact of the sharp movements in the agricultural scene. During the first half of the financial year (1987-88) the industrial sector recorded a remarkable growth rate of 10.2 per cent, which is significantly higher than the growth rates of 8.5 per cent to 9 per cent attained during the same period in the past three years.

The manufacturing sector recorded an impressive overall

growth rate of over 11 per cent in the first eight months of 1987-88. This accounted for over 77 per cent of total industrial production. It is estimated that industrial growth for the full year 1987-88 will exceed 8 per cent. However, the balance of payments position continued to be under strain.

Having consolidated its position in the field of traditional banking, Indian Bank has been making pioneering forays into

various areas, particularly in the fields of agriculture and rural lending.

Nair said he firmly believes his role in steering the bank is significant not only for IB, but also for the entire banking industry.

The bank's reputation has had its ups and downs, but Nair has a firm conviction that innovation breeds success. He has 42 years of experience in banking and is considered one of the world's best-known currency market analysts. After having served 34 years in the Bank of Baroda, he joined Indian Bank as the executive director in April 1982 and in 1983 he was promoted to be the chairman and managing director of the bank.

Nair told the Arab Times in an exclusive interview that 1987 was one of consolidation for the bank in its various operational areas. The global deposits of the bank reached a level of nearly Rs 4,500 crores (\$3,266 million) and its profits were more than 66 per cent higher than that of preceding year.

Nair said the government of India and RBI felt that there should be a change in the approach for rural and semi-urban lending operations. He said that there was a feeling that money pumped into the private sector, particularly in the agricultural operations was not getting the proper returns.

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World Business Summary

Lee calls for East Asian countries to help balance world trade

SINGAPORE, Oct 25, (AP): Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew called yesterday for Asian nations, that have been economic success stories, to open their markets to US and West European products to help adjust the world economy. During an opening address to a three-day conference on global strategies, Lee said Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Singapore and Hong Kong all have prospered under the free trade system and "all will benefit from improving the present system." The conference was attended by about 1,000 local and foreign delegates. Lee said Singapore has consistently supported free and fair trade and, "as a result, we have prospered." He said the growing wealth of Japan and newly industrialised Asian nations under the present system do not mean the decline of the United States and Europe, but only signifies the temporary dislocation of some industries that need to be restructured. The West has a commanding lead in aerospace, biotechnology, telecommunications and information technology and can discover and open up new areas that will earn higher returns, Lee said. But he said this can only come about when less competitive industries are given up so that their resources can be used to set up new growth industries.

Nigeria Airways cuts services

LAGOS, Nigeria, Oct 25, (AP): Nigeria Airways announced today it has halted services to six African nations and is cutting staff elsewhere. The national carrier of Africa's most populous nation has only a handful of aircraft operating as two Airbus jets were seized in France for non-payment of bills and several other planes have been damaged in accidents. Airline administrator Maj. Gen. Olu Bajona said flights to Benin, Sierra Leone, Zaire, Equatorial Guinea, Kenya and Togo would be halted. Flights to Liberia, Ivory Coast, Gambia, Senegal and Cameroon would continue but staff in those countries will be cut by 60 per cent. A third of the staff in New York and 65 per cent in London will be sacked. Bajona said the cuts were part of a plan for the partial privatisation of the state-owned airline. Meanwhile delivery of what would be the airline's second DC-10 may be delayed because of its failure to pay a second deposit of \$7 million due since June 23. The airline already has paid \$10 million to the McDonald Douglas Corp. Nigerian Airways long has suffered because of its low tariffs, mismanagement and prolonged over-valuation of the naira currency, only devalued three years ago.

UK halts Cons Gold takeover bid

LONDON, Oct 25, (Reuters): The government halted a South African-backed takeover bid for the giant British gold mining firm of Cons Gold by referring it to the watchdog Monopolies Commission for investigation today.

Under the rules, the controversial £2.9 billion (\$3 billion) bid by Luxembourg-based Minerals and Resources Corp Ltd (Minroco) for Consolidated Gold Fields PLC now automatically lapses.

The bid, largest in British corporate history, would have to be renewed if the Monopolies and Mergers Commission clears it. The referral was the second setback in 24 hours for a bid which would marry the West's biggest mining interests in an unrivalled conglomerate.

Bid

On Monday a New York federal judge temporarily stopped the bid on grounds it could decrease competition in the world gold market.

Cons Gold owns 49.3 per cent of America's Newmont Mining Corp which operates the biggest US gold mine.

A temporary injunction was meant to give the New York court time to study anti-trust implications of a takeover of Cons Gold by Minroco, which is

an overseas investment arm of Harry Oppenheimer's South African Anglo-American and De Beers Gold and Diamond empire.

A British Trade and Industry Department spokesman said the London monopolies probe was decided on competition grounds, especially in the markets for high-value minerals and metals like titanium and zircon.

The South African ownership of Minroco did not form grounds for the monopoly referral, he said.

Surged

Cons Gold shares, which surged earlier today after Britain's separate takeover panel dismissed an appeal that the hostile cash and share bid should lapse, fell £1.12 (\$1.96) to £11.40 (\$20) seconds after the referral to the monopolies watchdog was announced.

The British government referral effectively overturned a ruling only minutes earlier by the takeover panel, which looks at disputed takeovers.

It was asked to rule that the bid should lapse because of a Department of Trade and Industry inquiry into possible insider dealing in Cons Gold stock before the announcement of the bid.

A department spokesman said the inquiry into suspicions of insider dealing, begun on October 19, was a separate issue.

"The dirty tricks element is not a factor for the MMC (Monopolies and Mergers Commission)," he said.

A Minroco spokesman said the firm would make a statement later in the day. No-one at Cons Gold was immediately available for comment.

Subsidiaries

The Monopolies Commission had been asked to report within three months, the Trade and Industry Department spokesman said.

In the United States, Cons Gold and three subsidiaries last week filed a suit alleging that the Oppenheimer family interest which controls Minroco wanted a monopoly of the world gold market.

President Reagan was asked to block the takeover on the grounds it would endanger US security.

Minroco until recently acted as a passive holding company for the international mining and other 000-South African interests of the Anglo-De Beers empire. It signalled a switch to more active strategy with its bid for Cons Gold.

Banks in US, Japan and Europe vie for growing China business

HONG KONG, Oct 25, (UPI): American banks are battling their European and Japanese counterparts to establish lucrative links with more than 30 banks in China that are permitted to operate internationally.

At stake are fees for handling payments for China's growing export and import business. Last year such fees were worth more than \$1 billion.

"Correspondent banking is potentially very lucrative with China," said Stephen Hunt, Hong Kong-based senior vice president for Bank of America.

It is too early to say who is winning, but European bankers concede that such US banking companies as manufacturers Hanover Trust, Bank of America, First Chicago and Chemical Bank have emerged as strong competitors for these interbank links.

Links

Western bankers say such interbank links have been used to financing at least half of China's overseas trade, which topped \$80 billion last year.

This means enough money changed hands last year between Chinese sellers and Western buyers to produce more than \$1 billion in fees to banks acting as middlemen, said a British banker who asked not to be named.

"This is a new phase in China's banking development and things are very competitive," he said.

Chinese authorities have allowed more than 30 domestic banks to enter trade finance in the last year in a bid to make the country's moribund financial industry more efficient and competitive.

Since the 1949 Communist Revolution, only the Bank of China had been authorised to

handle trade finance. It still dominates that and other international matters such as foreign exchange trading.

But newcomer banks include China's six largest financial institutions in terms of assets: Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, People's Construction Bank of China, China Investment Bank, Citic Industrial Bank, and Agricultural Bank of China, all based in Beijing, and Shanghai's Bank of Communications.

Citic Industrial Bank is an arm of the China International Trust and Investment Corp., a Western-style investment bank with the status of a ministry.

Asset

Combined assets of the six banks are estimated at over \$245 billion, against \$82 billion estimated for the Bank of China, an American banker said.

At least one international trust and investment corporation in each of China's 27 provinces and the municipalities of Beijing, Shanghai and Tianjin also are now in trade finance, according to a Western diplomat who monitors China's economy.

The sought-after interbank links involve writing and processing letters of credit and overseeing the deposit and transfer of funds between banks when payments are made.

Loans

Letters of credit, which document that money has been left on deposit at a bank to pay for specific trade deals, are especially hot, said a British executive.

"Payment on the documents is usually made within two or three months," said Robin Brilliant, China manager for the Hong

Kong unit of Lloyds Bank.

This rapid settlement is in stark contrast with the years banks have to wait for repayment of loans for major Chinese construction projects, he said.

Analysts say foreign banks stand to profit handsomely from the fees they get on writing and processing letters of credit.

Assuming that perhaps \$20 billion of China's \$80 billion-plus 1987 trade total was accounted for by barter or government-to-government deals, with maybe 30 per cent of the remainder involving cash, about \$40 billion had to involve letters of credit, a banker suggested.

Fees generated on that sum would have come to more than \$1 billion. In addition, foreign banks are entitled to use money left on deposit with them by Chinese banks in accounts for clearing money transfers. And they charge interest on money they lend to Chinese banks.

Ties

Leaders in the game of forging interbank ties are the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank of Hong Kong and the local arm of Britain's Standard Chartered Bank, long established in China banking, analysts said.

Other big players include Banque Nationale de Paris, Paribas Asia Ltd. and Credit Agricole of France, as well as banks in Australia and West Germany.

Analysts assume Japan's strong business presence in China is reflected in an aggressive move to set up links with Chinese banks. The country accounts for almost one-third the 100 foreign banks with representative offices in Beijing.

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Figures rounded down for clarity.
Sources: All Ordinaries Index; Toronto Composite Index; CAC General Index; Commerzbank Index; Hang Seng Bank Index; Tokyo Stock Exchange Index; ANP/CBS General Index; Straits Times Index; Madrid Stock Exchange Index; Swiss Bank Index; FT All Share Index; S & P Composite Index.

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LONDON
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST
ABEY LIFE	133/0
ADT LTD	482/0
ALD LTD	206/0
AMSTRAD	179/0
ARGYLE GP	152/0
ASDA GP	282/0
BAA	290/0
BAT INDS	470/0
BARCLAYS	417/0
BASS	795/0
BEAZER	73/0
BEECHAMS	403/0
BERISFORD	386/0
BICC PLC	98/4
BLUE ARN	460/0
BLUE CIRC	422/0
BOC GP	223/0
BOOTS CO	263/0
BPB INDS	236/0
BR CORR	163/4
BR ATIRAT	487/0
BR AEROSP	162/5
BR GAS RG	161/0
BR LAND	349/0
B.P.	242/0
B.P.PP	41/00
BR TELCON	245/0
BURMAN LD	536/0
BURTON	205/0
CABLESWIR	398/0
CADURTS	373/0
COATS VTY	173/0
COMM INT	339/0
CONS GOLD	140/0
COOKSONS	273/0
COURTAULD	301/0
DALGETY	329/0
DIXONS	145/0
ENG CHINA	507/0
ENTER OIL	578/0
FXI BASCK	130/0
FERRANTI	96/5
FISONS	258/0
GATEWAY	174/5
GEN ACCID	866/0
GEN ELEC	170/0
GLAXO	125/0
GRANADA	323/5
GLOBE	146/5
GLTWARD	294/0
GUARD RTL	185/0
GKN	327/0
GUINNESS	345/0
HANSON A	657/5
HANSON S	150/0
HARRISON C	641/4
HARKER SID	553/0
HILLSMOON	276/0
ICI	657/0

LONDON
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLCE	752/4	751/0
600 GROUP	112/0	112/0
A.AMER TS	364/0	365/0
A.B.ELECT	447/0	448/0
A.S.V.HLD	190/0	190/0
AAR KENT	85/0	85/0
AAR HLD	259/0	259/0
BARONSON	125/0	124/0
ADDISON	355/0	355/0
ADVEST	341/0	342/0
ALEX MKW	347/0	347/0
ALEXON	347/0	346/0
ALLD COLL	131/0	131/0
ALLD IR	270/0	269/0
ALLD LBN	130/0	130/0
ALLD PLNT	65/0	66/0
ALLIANCE	849/0	848/0
AMER DENT	52/4	52/4
AMEC	359/0	357/0
AMER TST	133/4	134/0
AMERSHAM	566/0	564/0
AMH NLTHC	250/0	250/0
ANGLIA TV	210/0	209/0
ANSBACHER	83/0	83/0
APPLYARD	462/0	461/0
APV PLC	133/0	134/0
ASHLEY LA	112/0	112/0
ATWOODS	315/0	315/0
AUST REED	370/0	370/0
AUTO SECS	276/0	276/0
AVDEL PLC	78/4	78/0
AVIS EUR	338/0	337/0
AVON RUBB	709/0	708/0
B.WEJILL	188/0	188/0
BAILL JAW	446/4	446/0
BAILL SHI	76/4	76/0
BAIRD (M)	235/0	234/0
BANK INE	270/0	271/0
BANKER IT	75/4	76/0
BARRETT	124/0	125/0
BARRY DEV	176/0	175/0
BAYNES C	174/0	174/0
BBA GROUP	174/0	174/0
BEAR B.VT	5/0	5/0
BEAR BRND	11/0	11/0
BEATTIE J	150/0	150/0
BEJAM GP	167/0	167/0
BEHAVEN	52/0	53/0
BELLWAY	243/0	243/0
BENROSE	221/0	220/0
BENLOX HD	49/0	48/0
BERKELEY	283/0	282/0
BRAM NHT	445/0	448/0
BHN GROUP	106/0	106/0
BRN OF SCO	358/0	358/0
BLACK LF	13/4	13/4
BUNNETT +	37/0	37/0
BOASE HAS	249/0	248/0
BODDINGHS	164/0	166/0
BOOTH SHIP	604/0	603/0
BOOTH NEHR	391/0	393/0

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 300 ORD	1500.9	1499.4	1509.3	1476.5
FT 500 SHR	1050.2	1050.2	1054.9	1030.5
FT ALL SHR	962.96	962.96	968.02	946.27
FT GOV SEC	88.76	88.71	89.06	87.92
FT GOLD	166.5	167.1	168.9	171.6
FT NINES F	575.03	575.03	581.98	596.93
FT OIL	1723.0	1723.0	1737.7	1765.2
FT WLD DLR	132.17	133.09	132.37	125.62
FT WLD STG	111.77	111.95	111.32	110.62
FT WLD LOC	117.87	118.48	118.31	116.01

London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS MIXED IN QUIET AFTERNOON TRADING. LONDON, OCT 25, REUTER - SHARES WERE HOLDING STEADILY MIXED IN QUIET AFTERNOON TRADING AS REFERRAL OF NINORCO'S BID FOR CONS GOLD TO THE MONOPOLIES COMMISSION AND NERVOUSNESS AHEAD OF THURSDAY'S U.K. REFERRAL DATA KEPT THE MARKET SUBDUED.

NEWS OF THE U.K. REFERRAL THIS MORNING CAUGHT THE MARKET OFF GUARD AS CONS GOLD HAD EARLIER RISEN AFTER THE TAKEOVER PANEL DISMISSED THE COMPANY'S APPEAL AGAINST THE BID. CONS GOLD FELL TO A LOW OF 1.127P AFTER THE REFERRAL DECISION BUT ROSE LATER TO STAND 105P DOWN ON THE DAY AT 1.140.

BT 1503 THE FTSE 100 SHARE INDEX WAS 1.8 POINTS EASIER AT 1,846.6, AFTER HITTING A LOW OF 1,840.0.

NINORCO'S 1.278P PER SHARE OFFER AUTOMATICALLY LAPSED ON THE REFERRAL AND THE MARKET WILL HAVE TO WAIT AROUND THREE MONTHS FOR RESULTS OF THE MONOPOLIES INQUIRY.

A SEPARATE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY INQUIRY INTO SUSPECTED INSIDER DEALING AHEAD OF THE NINORCO BID, ALSO IS LIKELY TO ISSUE ITS FINDINGS IN THREE MONTHS, DEALERS SAID.

"THE MONOPOLIES INQUIRY IS A RATHER NARROW ONE, WITH EMPHASIS ON CONTROL OF THE GOLD MARKET AND THE SUPPLY OF STRATEGIC METALS LIKE ZINC. WHILE IT'S A SET-BACK FOR NINORCO, IT WON'T BE LOOKING AT THE SOUTH AFRICAN INTERESTS. SO THE FIGHT'S NOT OVER YET," ONE ANALYST COMMENTED.

London Gold

LONDON, OCT 25, REUTER - GOLD BULLION ENDED JUST BELOW THE HIGHS AFTER A FAIRLY TIGHT TRADING DAY, CLOSING AT 406.50/407.00 DLR'S AN OUNCE COMPARED TO MONDAY'S 404.90/405.40 FINISH.

GOLD HAD FIRMED TO 407.50/408.00 DLR'S AT ONE STAGE AS COMEX FUTURES FIRMED ON STABLE OIL PRICES AFTER MONDAY'S SELL-OFF ON THE INCONCLUSIVE OPEC TALKS LAST WEEKEND, DEALERS SAID.

A WEAKER DOLLAR AFTER A LARGER THAN EXPECTED 4.1 PCT FALL IN U.S. SEPTEMBER Durable Goods ORDERS ALSO SUPPORTED GOLD, BUT INTEREST WAS LIGHT AND THE METAL IS LIKELY TO STAY IN A 410/402 DLR RANGE FOR THE TIME BEING, THEY ADDED.

London Money Market

LONDON, OCT 25, REUTER - MONEY RATES REMAINED LITTLE CHANGED FROM MONDAY'S LATE LEVELS IN LATE TRADING WITH STEADIER AFTER TUESDAY'S REPORTED INTERVENTION BY THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

DEALERS SAY THE MARKET REMAINS CAUTIOUS OVER THURSDAY'S BRITISH TRADE FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER.

ONE TRADER SAID, "THE BANK'S SUPPORT FOR THE POUND SEEMS TO HAVE CALMED THINGS DOWN FOR THE MOMENT, BUT THE TRADE FIGURES ARE STILL A SOURCE OF UNCERTAINTY." THE KEY THREE MONTH INTERBANK RATE WAS STEADY AT 12-3/16 1/16 PCT.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPG
STG 1.7485/95	1.7495/05	1.7950/60	6.1335/55	NOON
DMK 1.7931/8011	3.137.137/151	3.1405/40	10.7265/7380	NOON
FFR 6.131/143	10.7265/7445	341.310/950	29.19/35	FIX
SFR 1.5235/5245	2.6638/6671	84.78/88	24.82/85	1300
NFL 2.0240	3.5435	112.76	33.005	FIX
ECU 1.15452	6.69539	2.07064	7.07723	CLSE
SDR 1.33314	0.761229	2.38485	8.15082	CLSE
YEH 127.05/15	222.14/45			NOON
SDR RATES	24/10/1988	OTHERS	25/10/1988	

BORTHWICK	61/0	61/0	NESTAIR	321/0	322/0	SAVILLS	118/0	118/0
BR ARROW	105/0	105/0	NEYWOOD W	286/0	286/0	SAVOY "A"	793/0	793/0
BR ASSETS	70/0	70/0	NICKSON	230/0	230/0	SCHN. GLOB	229/0	229/0
BR OREDD	141/0	140/0	NIGGS NTL	365/0	365/0	SCOT HRI	180/0	177/0
BR VITA	230/0	230/0	NINRO CTT	75/0	74/0	SCOT I.T.	130/0	130/0
BRENT CNE	129/0	129/0	NIRRO ZOP	250/0	250/0	SCOT MET	145/0	145/0
BRENT WKR	354/0	354/0	NKTR SPNR	177/0	177/0	SCOT MORT	105/0	105/0
BRIDON	178/0	177/0	NOLMES PR	125/0	125/0	SCOT.M.I.	95/0	95/0
BRITAIN SE	193/0	193/0	NOMDEN GP	125/0	125/0	SCOT MAT C	33/0	33/0
BRITANNIC	350/0	350/0	NPOKINSON	100/0	100/0	SCOT MAT I	90/2	90/2
BRITON E	357/0	358/0	NTV GROUP	253/0	252/0	SCOT NAT W	7/0	7/0
BRIANT GP	134/0	134/0	ICE.FZ.FD	343/0	343/0	SECS TST	103/0	103/0
BSS INTL	67/4	67/4	IMRY H.DV	410/0	411/0	SEMA GRP	324/0	324/0
BSR INTL	65/0	64/0	INDPMDT V	12/0	12/0	SHANDWICK	465/0	466/0
BULLOUGH	477/0	476/0	INOCO PLC	28/4	28/0	SHERATON S	79/0	79/0
BULMER HP	163/0	165/0	INT.BU.CH	121/0	122/0	SINOH ENG	290/0	290/0
CALOR GRP	381/0	380/0	INT.CITY	125/0	126/0	SINGER-BA	73/0	73/0
CAMP ELEC	226/0	225/0	INTV.CAP.	344/0	345/0	SMITH D	325/0	325/0
CAMFORD E	188/0	189/0	JMSHAFIR	45/4	45/4	SOUND DIF	27/0	27/0
CANNING W	218/0	219/0	JOS HLDGS	165/0	167/0	SPRING RAN	199/0	199/0
CANNON SY	264/0	265/0	KALANAZOZ	47/4	48/0	SPRX-SARC	199/0	199/0
CAP.RADIO	439/0	440/0	KALON GRP	34/0	33/4	ST.ANDREW	185/0	185/0
CARADON	341/0	340/0	KELT ENGY	31/0	32/0	STAKIS	103/0	103/0
CARLCO EH	173/0	174/0	KETSON	78/0	78/0	STEETLEY	337/0	337/0
CARLTON C	621/0	618/0	KLMT O'S	133/4	134/0	STREND PR	154/0	154/0
CATER ALL	350/4	355/0	KMK S'VE	364/0	365/0	STORMHALL	14/0	14/0
CATTLE HD	64/0	64/0	KMK-IT	115/0	115/0	STURGE ND	230/0	230/0
CAULDON	10/0	10/0	LAINO GRP	314/0	315/0	SUTER	242/0	242/0
CENTL TV	570/0	568/0	LAINO PRP	493/0	495/0	TELENETRX	48/0	48/0
CHAM PMR	169/0	169/0	LAIRO GRP	253/0	253/0	TELENETS	42/0	42/0
CHARTERHA	20/0	20/0	LANDLEISU	344/0	344/0	TELEPAC	299/0	299/0
CHAS CHUR	108/0	108/0	LAURANCE W	148/0	148/0	THAMES TV	400/0	400/0
CHLORIDE	55/0	56/0	LDH & MET	177/0	178/0	THOMSON T	80/0	80/0
CHRISTIES	600/0	600/0	LDH INTL	221/0	221/0	THORNTONS	128/0	128/0
CI GROUP	49/0	49/0	LDH SHIP	251/0	251/0	THROGHTN	408/0	408/0
CINTRAL SEC	160/0	160/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	TI GROUP	358/0	358/0
CINTRT OIL	166/0	166/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	TIE RACK	83/0	83/0
COALITE	320/0	321/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	TIME PROD	222/0	222/0
COATES BR	307/0	308/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	TOMKINS F	236/0	236/0
COLLINS A	466/0	468/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	TOTAL	112/0	112/0
COLLINS W	545/0	543/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	TOZER KEM	103/0	103/0
COLLOROLL	177/4	178/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	TR CITY	76/4	76/4
CONNELLS	256/0	257/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	TR INDUSTR	130/0	130/0
COSTAIN	331/0	331/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	TR PACIFIC	53/4	54/0
COURTESY R	215/0	217/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	TR PROPTY	52/6	55/0
COMIE (T)	151/0	151/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	TR TRSTEE	132/4	133/0
CORR	141/0	141/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	TRAVISAER	465/0	465/0
CRODA INT	190/0	191/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	TRIMCO	46/0	46/0
CRYSTALAT	159/0	159/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	TRITON EX	190/0	190/0
CTR PROP	264/0	263/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	TRITON ER	148/0	148/0
DARES EST	29/0	29/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	TRSPOR DV	239/0	240/0
DAVIS GO	153/0	154/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	TV SN NLD	70/0	6/0
DAVY CORP	160/0	160/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	TVS ENTER	30/0	30/0
DE LA RUE	478/0	478/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	U-BORLAND	101/0	101/0
DELTA GRP	286/0	287/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	U-BRD ST	37/0	37/0
DEVENISH	320/0	318/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	U-BROADW	184/0	184/0
DEWINTER	324/0	323/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	U-CIFER	11/0	1/0
DIPLOMA	216/0	216/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	U-CITTVSN	91/0	91/0
DORSON PK	95/4	96/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	U-DEMEY W	191/0	121/0
DOUGLAS R	310/0	310/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	U-DURIAM	60/0	6/0
DOMATHING	62/0	62/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	U-ELDRGE	593/0	596/0
DOVITY GRP	234/0	234/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	U-EXPLAUR	50/0	50/0
DRAYTON C	467/0	468/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	U-FIELDS	48/0	49/0
DRG	490/0	490/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	U-FLOYD E	22/0	21/0
DUNDELL	292/0	292/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	U-FRD SEL	113/0	113/0
DUNNILL	227/0	228/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	U-HMD PT	21/0	239/0
EAGLE TST	14/0	14/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	U-HUNTS	63/0	6/0
EDIN I.T	161/4	162/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	U-ISRAEL	22/0	22/0
ELECTROCOR	200/0	200/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	U-KUNICK	42/0	42/0
ELLIS EVA	162/0	161/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	U-LDN FRF	169/0	169/0
EMAP	221/0	221/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	U-LMCH HS	6/6	7/0
EMPIRE ST	231/0	231/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	U-LMCH WT	5/0	5/0
ERA GROUP	63/0	62/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	U-MICROVAT	41/0	42/0
EURO HOME	304/0	305/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	U-MOLINAR	52/0	51/0
EUTHERN	404/0	405/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	U-MRRDTON	405/0	405/0
EUTRINT	324/0	323/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	U-PAVTON	5/2	5/0
EUTRINT W	19/4	19/4	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	U-RNSDSTH	182/0	182/0
EVONOR	182/0	182/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	U-SAC INT	97/0	97/0
EXPANET	193/0	193/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	U-SELECTV	16/0	15/0
F&C ENTER	272/0	272/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	U-STH BUS	339/0	340/0
F&C EURCT	226/0	226/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	U-STNOHPE	242/4	242/0
F&C PACIF	136/0	136/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	U-T.V-LAM	150/0	151/0
F&C SKILL	69/4	71/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	U-TRIND W	6/08	7/0
FALCON	103/0	100/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	U-TRINDW	24/0	24/0
FARNELL E	150/0	150/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	U-TRINDW	24/0	24/0
FED. HOUNS	281/0	282/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	U-UTMCEP	22/0	22/0
FENNER JH	176/0	176/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	U-WATNE K	108/0	108/0
FERGUSON	267/0	268/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	U-WMS LEA	54/4	54/0
FINLAM GP	83/0	82/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	U-WYKO GP	73/0	73/0
FINLAY J	125/0	125/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	UNDERWOOD	93/0	92/0
FITCH LOV	253/0	253/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	UNION DIS	505/0	506/0
FLNG AMER	123/0	123/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	UNITECH	218/0	219/0
FLNG F.E	177/4	177/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	UTD. INDUS	56/0	56/0
FLNG INV	144/4	144/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	UTD. SCENI	194/0	193/0
FLNG JAPH	192/4	192/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	VALUERINC	54/0	55/0
FLNG MERC	180/4	180/4	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	VALXR GRP	693/0	692/0
FLNG TECH	173/4	175/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	VERSON	30/0	30/0
FOR ECU	112/0	112/4	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	VG INSTNT	329/0	328/0
FRENCHLO	266/0	265/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	VICKERS	179/0	178/0
FROGRORE	422/0	422/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	VIRGIN GP	134/0	134/0
GALLFORD GP	52/0	52/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	VPI GROUP	160/0	160/0
GEARPN RIG	281/0	282/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	VIRGO HNG	332/0	333/0
GKEEN KMG	458/0	455/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	WALTON ST	134/0	134/0
GREENHILL	264/0	262/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	WARDLE ST	654/0	655/0
GREYCOAT	409/0	408/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	WATERFO D	95/0	95/0
GRNP TV A	46/0	45/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	WATERFO U	95/0	95/0
GT PTRTLND	344/0	344/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	WATES CTY	174/0	175/0
GUINNESS MA	127/0	126/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	WATTS B&B	330/0	330/0
GUS ORD	675/0	660/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	WCRS GRP	215/0	216/0
GVTT ATLA	135/3	135/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	WELLMAN	45/0	45/0
GVTT STRA	229/0	229/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	WEMBLEY	122/0	122/0
H.NLD DIS	112/0	120/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	WESTBURT	234/0	233/0
H.WAL	176/0	174/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	WESTLAND	106/0	106/0
HAMBROS	222/0	223/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	WHENAY	90/0	90/0
HAMMERSON	700/0	700/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	WINDEY	32/0	32/0
HAWTHIN LE	48/4	48/4	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	WILKER GRN	116/0	116/0
HAZELWOOD	219/0	218/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	WILSON B&B	247/0	247/0
HAWEL(CE)	454/0	452/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	WILSON CON	164/0	164/0
HELENE PL	32/0	32/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	WOLBEL	429/0	430/0
HELIOPAL B	312/0	311/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	WPP GRP	594/0	594/0
HERWORTH	238/4	238/0	LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	UZE MOTOR	585/0	586/0
			LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	TALENTBART	378/0	377/0
			LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	YOK CHEN	250/0	250/0
			LDH LTD	127/0	127/0	YORKSNR TV	223/0	221/0

Frankfurt — The European Investment Bank is launching a 700 mln mark, 10-year Eurobond with a 5-7/8 pct coupon priced at 100.25, lead manager Deutsche Bank AG said. (RTX 1457)

London — Union Bank of Switzerland Finance NV is issuing a 150 mln ECU Eurobond due November 29, 1993, paying 7-1/2 pct and priced at 101-7/8 pct, lead manager Union Bank of Switzerland (Securities) Ltd said. (RTYG 1805)

London — Qantas Airways Ltd is issuing 180.60 mln dir of 9-1/2 pct Eurobonds due November 30, 1998 priced at 101-3/4, lead manager Banque Paribas Capital Markets said. (RTUJ 0920)

London — Banque Française du Commerce extérieur (BFCE) is issuing a 150 mln dir Eurobond due November 22, 1995 paying 9-1/4 pct and priced at 101-1/4 pct, lead manager LTCB International Ltd. said. (RTWZ 1406)

Zürich — The City of Vienna is raising 150 mln Swiss francs through a bond with two equal tranches of 75 mln francs each. Swissair and Privatbank said as lead manager. (RTVA 0923)

Zürich — The issuing bank of the Swiss Mortgage Institutes, Pfandbriefbank Schweizerischer Hypothekarinstitute, is launching a 125 mln Swiss franc, 4-5/8 pct, 12-year mortgage bond, lead manager Credit Suisse said. (RTXC 1518)

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN	11-5/8 3/8	11-15/16 7/8	12-13/16 1/16
FFT	4.80/85	4.85/95	5.00/10
PAR	7-11/16 13/16	7-7/8 8	8-1/16 3/16
ZUR	4.85 1-7/8	5-1/4 3-1/2	3-5/8 3-7/8
BROK	1.38	3-3/16 1/4	7-1/4 5/16
ROM	10-3/8 10-7/8	11 11-1/2	11-5/8 11-7/8
AMS	5.93/06	5.20/30	5.27/37
TOK	4.0000 0625	4.1875 2500	4.2500 3125
ECU	7.31 7.56	7.37 7.50	7.50 7.62

KUWAIT, Oct. 25. (KUNA) Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6-1/2	7
3 months	6-3/8	6-13/16
6 months	6-7/16	6-15/16

	PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDTA	--	93	84	NICO	665	660	680
ACC	283.50	296	308	GRASIN	--	79	58.50	MUKAND	114	113	117
ASIA PAINT	220.50	230	227.50	BSFC	--	141.25	143.75	ORRAY	36.25	37	39.50
BAJAJ AUTO	--	402.50	400	HIND LEVER	--	91	88	PEJIO	37	36	37
BAN. RAYON	310	320	322.50	HINDALCO	121	124	124	PFIZER	84	88	88
BOM. DYING	--	141	142	HINDCOCA	116.25	117.50	120	PRE. AUTO	47	48.50	48.50
BOM. BOND	119	118	120	HINDMOTOR	33.50	33	33	RAYMOND	62	62	63
BSE INDEX	656.12		678.67	IND ORG	43	44.50	45	RELANCE	176	184	186.50
CENTURYSPG	1320	1355	1375	INDRAYON	80	80	81	SIEMENS	109	108	110
COLGATE	304.50	315	325	INDROL	--	287.50	285	SPIC	52.50	52.50	54
DEEPAKPET	46.50	46	45.50	ITC	54	56	58	STDWILLS	340	340	350
ET. HOTEL	55	50	55	JCSYNTH	88.75	87	87.50	TATA PHR	335	340	355
ESKAYEEF	145	147.50	155	L AND T	132	134.50	136.50	TATACHEN	102	104	105
ESSOR	23	24	23.75	MAHINDRA	102	104	107	TELO	700	710	740
GRAMP. POLY	--	112.50	105	MASTERSHR	18.50	18.25	18.50	TISCO	947.50	952.50	987.50
HS. SHIP	41.50	40.50	40.50	MATHER PL	--	86.25	85	VOLTAS	420	410	415

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
NEG	174.0	173.0
NETLANTZ VR	1699.0	1698.0
NADENMYER	179.2	179.5
NASF	282.1	279.6
NAYER	305.9	305.9
NAYER HYP	379.5	374.0
NAYER VER	385.0	378.0
NBY	320.0	318.0
NH	432.0	433.0
NHFI	529.5	525.5
CONNERZKZ	252.0	249.0
NOTI GUMH	267.0	264.1
NAJMER BE	734.0	733.0
NEUBUSC BANK	536.0	530.0
NLW	391.0	388.0
NEDERSON B	301.0	297.0
NT-BABCOCK	170.0	169.5
NZ INDEX	530.94	530.13
ELDMAN	27.70	27.70
GOLDSCHEIN	325.0	325.0
HARNPER	399.0	400.0
NOESTST AG	304.6	302.5
NOESCH	167.0	166.0
NOESCH HLD	202.5	203.0
NOESCH HLD	465.0	467.0
NOESCH SALZ	158.0	158.0
NOESTST	456.0	455.0
NOEFHOF	421.0	419.0
NOELOCK H	137.0	137.0
NOELOCK U	101.7	101.5
NOELOCK	710.0	706.0
NOEFFRANSA	154.0	152.0
NOE	214.3	210.5
NOEMESMAN	189.0	187.5
NOERCHEN	616.0	608.0
NOERCHEN	335.3	333.0
NOERDORF PF	405.0	404.0
NOERLIK HYD	27.10	27.60
NOERSCHE	580.0	576.0
NOERUSSAG	186.5	185.0
NOERUSCH	336.0	351.0
NOERMETAL	342.0	340.5
NOER	236.0	238.0
NOER	219.5	217.5
NOERAMANDER	552.0	549.0
NOERCHTHS	290.0	290.0
NOER	484.5	477.2
NOERHNS	170.5	168.6
NOERTA	313.5	308.0
NOERBA	267.0	265.3
NOER	159.4	159.4
NOER	305.0	300.0

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE	NITSUB CP	1140	1140
UJINOMOTO	2570	2580	NITSUB CP	935	917
KAI ELEC	542	546	NITSUB EST	2440	2470
OKI	965	955	NITSUB HVY	900	958
SAHI GLS	1810	1820	NITSUKOSHI	1880	1890
SAHI OPT	592	605	MITSU EL	920	910
BANK TOKYO	1520	1540	HICHICOM	1090	1080
DAIICHI	1240	1200	HIHON CHMT	945	933
MANON	1260	1270	NIKKO SEC	1690	1690
ASIO COMP	1190	1210	HIP ELEC	1740	1750
DAIGAI PHM	1410	1420	HIP KOKKAN	811	782
TITIZEN W	779	800	NIP OIL	1210	1220
DAI-ICHI KAN	3080	3080	HIP STEEL	812	787
AI HIP IK	810	819	NIP YUSEN	822	800
AI HIP PT	2550	2550	HIS MOTOR	1270	1230
AI HIP SC	871	880	MONARA SEC	3410	3500
AI HIP TO	771	814	OHMA CO	775	771
AIKCEL	760	755	OLYMPUS	1010	1030
AIKEL	3500	3600	PLAMA OCM	974	967
AIK SEC	2200	2250	PLUMER	2970	2970
AIK HPG	945	921	RENTAL	825	834
SAI	1830	1810	RICOM	1060	1090
DAI	1440	1450	SANKYO	1950	1940
AIJI BAKO	3120	3130	SANYO ELEC	649	643
AIJI PHOT	3170	3180	SEIYU ST	2000	2000
AIJISAMA	1560	1590	SEKISUI PB	1750	1720
AIJISA CP	765	756	SHARP	975	985
TATACHI	1430	1440	SHISEIDO	1430	1460
INDA NOT	1980	1940	SONY	5960	5980
ETAN	2100	2100	SUMITOMO	1100	1100
O YOKADO	3920	3930	TAISEI	1080	1070
P SYN RU	921	924	TAISHO MRN	1250	1270
PAIR AIR	13300	13500	TAKEDA CH	2400	2430
PAIR NET	705	698	TEI JIN	732	727
JIMA	1660	1640	TKO NEW IX	120.78	111.24
NSAI EL	3350	3400	TOKIO MRN	2020	2040
O SOAP	1540	1580	TOKYO ELEC	950	980
MAKASAKI H	793	792	TOKYO GAS	6190	6350
MAKASAKI S	980	948	TOKYO POWR	1330	1350
IRI BREW	1730	1710	TORAY IND	815	827
SWATS	880	799	TOSHIBA EL	955	935
BRATO LTD	886	869	TOTO	1980	1930
OCERA	4520	4510	TOYO KODGY	745	712
KITA EL	1400	1380	TOYOTA MOT	2480	2440
RUI	2880	2900	YANAMA	1090	1090
TSUTA EI	2220	2230	YAMATCHI	1690	1700
TSUTA EL	0	2660	YAMAMUCHI	3830	3880
JI SEIK	918	920	YANAZAKI	1270	1280

TOKYO STOCKS END NEAR HIGH IN LATE BUYING SURGE
 TOKYO, OCT 25, REUTER - A LATE FUTURES-RELATED BUYING
 SPREE BROUGHT SHARES PRICES TO NEAR THE DAY'S HIGHS AT THE
 CLOSE, AFTER WAVERING NARROWLY THROUGH MOST OF THE DAY IN A
 GENERAL CLASH OF CONVICTION, BROKERS SAID.
 "THERE HAS BEEN A CONCENTRATION IN STEELS AND HEAVIES AND
 SOME AUTOS ON THE BACK OF RENEWED INTEREST IN REDEVELOPMENT
 STOCKS," SAID ONE BROKER.
 THE NIKKEI INDEX ROSE 139.95 POINTS, OR 0.51 PCT, TO
 27,421.49. IT STAGGED A 57.05-POINT FALL ON MONDAY.
 TURNOVER WAS HEAVY AT 1.2 BILLION SHARES AGAINST 600 MLN
 SHARES.
 THE FIRST SECTION INDEX, OR TOPIX, GAINED 9.54 POINTS TO
 2,120.78 FOLLOWING A 7.67-POINT DROP ON MONDAY.
 RISES LED FALLS BY A MARGON 1.1 TO ONE MARGIN WITH 447
 UP AND 393 DOWN.
 THE TOP GAINERS WERE RAILWAY/BUS, GAS, SHIPBUILDING,
 WAREHOUSE, AUTO, CREDIT/LEASE, SHIPPING, GLASS/CEMENT, RUBBER,
 AND STEEL STOCKS.
 THE SECTORS POSTING THE BIGGEST DECLINES WERE
 COMMUNICATIONS, SECURITIES HOUSE, PHARMACEUTICAL, REAL ESTATE,
 NON-LIFE INSURANCE, ROLLING STOCK, BANKING, PRECISION
 INSTRUMENT, MINING AND MANUFACTURING ISSUES.
 LATE AFTERNOON ARBITRAGE ACTIVITY, MAINLY BY FOREIGN
 SECURITIES HOUSES, BOOSTED INDEX RELATED BUYING. INVESTORS
 BOUGHT IN THE CASH MARKET AND SOLD IN THE FUTURES TO REAP
 PROFITS WITH FUTURES TRADING A HIGH PREMIUM, TRADERS SAID.
 SUCH ACTIVITY CAN ACCOUNT FOR ABOUT A 80 TO 90 POINT GAIN
 IN THE NIKKEI INDEX, THEY ADDED.
 THE FUTURES RELATED BUYING SPURRED OTHER INVESTORS TO COME
 OFF THE SIDELINES. THE INDEX ROSE SOME 100 POINTS IN THE LAST
 HOUR OF TRADE.
 THE NIKKEI HIT A HIGH OF 27,422.36 JUST BEFORE THE CLOSE
 AFTER A LOW OF 27,267.29 IN INITIAL TRADE.

HONG KONG, OCT 25, REUTER - THE STOCK MARKET STAGED A RECOVERY TODAY, CLOSING HIGHER ON MOUNTING SPECULATION THAT HONGKONG SHANGHAI HOTELS PLANS TO MAKE A GENERAL OFFER OF 5.80 H.K. DLSR A SHARE FOR ITS OWN STOCK, BROKERS SAID.

THE OFFER WOULD COUNTER A HOSTILE BID FROM CATHAY CITY OF 4.80 DLSR PLUS ONE NEW CATHAY CITY SHARE VALUED AT 1.50 DLSR.

THE TAKEOVER BATTLE TRIGGERED GENERAL BUYING INTEREST, PUSHING THE HANG SENG INDEX 22.07 POINTS HIGHER TO 2,584.53 AFTER A SOFT OPENING. THE BROADER BASED HONG KONG INDEX WAS UP 16.04 TO 1,703.17.

	OPHG	CLSG	JOR NABAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
ALA-ADDIH COMPANY			JOR NATIONAL BANK		
ARAB ALUMINIUM IND.			JOR PAPER CARDBRGG		
ARAB BANK			JOR PHOSPHATE MINS		
ARAB CHEMICAL OTER			JOR PIPES MANUFACT		
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.73	1.73	JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	2.00	2.15
ARAB INSURANCE			JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.00	4.00
ARAB INT./INV/TRADE	0.98	0.98	JOR ROCK WOOL IND.		
ARAB INT./UNION INS	0.90	0.99	JOR SECURIT CORP	0.75	0.73
ARAB INTER./HOTELS	0.58	0.58	JOR SELPHO CHEM.		
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.10	2.10	JOR WOOD INDUSTRY		
ARAB PAPER CON/TRA	0.35	0.32	JOR WORSTED NLL	4.60	4.60
ARAB PHARMA.MANF.			JOR. KUWAIT AGR	1.00	0.93
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	0.76	0.75	JOR. PETROLIUM REF		
ARAB POTASH CO.	---	---	JOR.FRENCH INS.		
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65	JOR./INV.FIN.CORP		
BANK OF JORDAN			JORDAN GULF REAL		
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95	JORDAN QAIRY		
CATRO AMMAN BANK	28.00	28.75	JORDAN GULF BANK		
CONFECT./CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25	JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
DAR AL BHAAB PRESS			JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85	13.90
DAR ALADMA DV/INV.			JORDAN ISLAMIC BHK		
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.			JORDAN KUWAIT BANK		
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR			JORDAN TANNING	2.00	1.95
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	3.55	3.95	LIVESTOCK/POLTRY	0.68	0.70
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63	MACH/ENR/REST/MAIN	0.76	0.76
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.50	1.50	MAS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73
GENERAL MINING.	1.38	1.37	MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.60	0.40
GENERAL MINERALS	0.75	0.75	HIDDEL EAST INS	60.00	60.00
HOTEL LAND INS.	1.27	1.25	HINERALS RESEARCH	0.67	0.74
IND./MATCH JENCO			MAT.FIN.INVEST CO		
INDSTR DLVPTP BHK	1.49	1.49	NAT/CABEL./NIRE/MF		
INDSTR./COMM/AGR.			NATIONAL ALRIA INS	1.26	1.25
INDUSTRIAL/INVEST.	0.75	0.75	NATIONAL ALRIA INS	0.40	0.38
INTERN.COM/INV			NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.73	0.75
IRBIO ELECTRICITY	0.86	0.86	NATIONAL STEEL		
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.61	ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	0.79	EJ	PETRA BANK		
J.JOUR.SP COMPLEX	1.26	EJ	PETRA JOR.INS.	0.35	0.35
JORSALES INS.	1.29	1.29	PHILADELPHIA INS.		
JO TOBACCO/CI GARET	14.00	14.00	RAPIA INDUSTRIAL	0.75	0.75
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	1.25	1.27	REAL ESTATE INV.	0.42	0.42
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.01	25.05	SHIPPING		
JOR ELECTRIC POWER			SHIPPING WEVING		
JOR FINANCE HOUSE			THE HOUSING BANK		
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY			UNITED INSURANCE	1.05	1.05
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	2.50	UNIVERSAL CHN.IND		
JOR INDUSTRY CHEN.			UNIVERSAL INS.		
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20	WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.68	0.68
			YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.18	1.18

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR				BC-A	68.50
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	.44 .45 .44
AC-A	9.30	9.40	9.50	LC-B	.45 .46 .45
ANS	2.36	2.38	2.40	PX-A	.32 .33 .32
GLO	50.50	51.50		PX-B	.33 .34 .33
PLDT	217.00	218.00	218.00	OIL SECTOR	
KPSI-A	2.10	2.24		BP-A	.012 .013 .012
KPSI-B	2.10			BP-B	.012 .013
SAC-A	140.00	141.00	140.00	LRC-A	
SAC-B	225.00	235.00	235.00	LRC-B	.0028 .0034
MINING SECTOR				OPW-A	.024 .025 .025
APX-A	.027	.028	.027	OPW-B	.025 .026 .026
APX-B	.027	.028	.028	OV-A	.027 .028 .028
AT-A	22.25	22.50	22.25	OV-B	.027 .028 .028

OFFICIAL INFORMATION				
SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
COMM-IND.	133,690	2,211,000	863.58	2.21 ON
MINING	44,768,900	4,713,075	4,246.69	95.54 OH
OIL	36,000,000	864,050	4.694	0.089 DH
TOTAL	80,902,590	7,788,125	725.47	9.12 DN

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR									
STOCK		SELL		OPEN		BC-A		65.00	68.50
2333		140.00	141.00	140.00	00	BC-B	85.00	100.00	
SMC-B		2303	234.00	234.00	00	LC-A	.44	.45	.45
SO-TIRE		30.50	36.00			LC-B	.45	.46	.45
PLDT		217.00		217.00		Z1P	.0065	.007	.0065
ANSCOR-A		2.34	2.38			OIL SECTOR			
AC-A		9.30	9.40	9.30		STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN
GLO		31.00	32.00			BP-A	.012	.013	
FER-A		2.38	2.40	2.40		BP-B	.012	.013	
PIT-B		2.55	2.60	2.55		LR-A	.0028	.0032	
WINITING						LR-B		.0028	
BUY		SELL	OPEN			OW-A	.025		.025
NXP-A		.027	.028	.027		OW-B	.025	.026	.026
.027		.028	.028	.028		OW-A	.027	.028	.028
AT-A		22.25	22.50	22.25		DV-B	.028	.029	.028
AT-B		25.00	25.50	26.00		TA	.019	.02	

OFFICIAL INFORMATION				
SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
C/I	1,202,160	4,450,570	870.46	DN 3.68
MINTNG	55,031,200	5,340,450	4,213.28	UNCH.
OILS	102,800,000	2,105,800	5.016	DH .047
TOTAL	159,033,360	11,896,82	740.34	DN 3.41

NAME	LAST	PR	CL	FUJITEC		656	KUMP	EMAS	120
ANDEF A				G KEHT		72	H COMT		109
ANDEF B				G LUMBER	103	106	H FEEDMIL	----	34
ALEXANDRA				S TONAN		110	H FLOUR		280
AMAL PROP				U OF HDLGS		102	N GLASS		205
ANMAL ST A	24	24.5		GEN CORP	31.5	32	N TIN PRF		56
ANMAL	137	137		SEIT GEAR	65	67	H UTD INTD		145
BERJAYA	112	115		GOLD COCK	515	515	H UTD NRG		61
BUKHOUSTEAD	131	133	AS1		116	116	WATA		625
CARLSBERG	535	535		GUNNESS	295	295	MAGNUM	210	209
CHENGBOS	314	320		GULA	----	28.5	MALX IND		380
CHENGBOS	580	580		L M IND.		164	MCC HDLGS		73
CHENG IND	270			RARIMAU	90	92	HINEBEA		126
C K TANG	378	382		HAM PAR	312	314	MULPHALTD	----	47.5
CHONG STOR	476			HEKZA	70	71	MULTIP	61	63.5
S HDLGS	42			IHHO-PAC	254	248	MURATA100		
				INNOVEST	105	111	N ST TIME	292	292
				INSAS	32	32.5	NAMELASTPR	CL	
CHIB BNO	103	104		INT WOOD	----	76	NB TIMBER	79	81
CHITA CON	----	29		J CEMENT		80	PILECON		103
CHUTABARY		440		JACKS LTD		138	ROBINSON	262	264
CHLO MAGN	161	162		JC ENT		100	ROTH IND	210	211
ESSED ORN	242	346		JC-NPH	88	91	S FODDER		45
U YAN S.	228	228		JOHAN NG	44	45.5	S PACIFIC	322	312
H & H TB	350	350		K G HDLGS		125	S PRESS	735	735
A C B		28.5		K KELLAS		220	S PRESS F	735	740
E SHIP	220	222		KAMUNTING		100	S SRIP	326	328
BN ORN	665	680		KAMUNTA A	78	79	S'WANG H	179	185
BNB CABLE	----	67		K KANG		120	SANYO		105
ED FLOOR	540			KECK SENG	170	170	SHELL ORN		484
MA BNO	268			KEPPEL	281	283	ST STRSHIP	172	175

SINGAPORE STOCKS CLOSE marginally lower
SINGAPORE, OCT 25, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED marginally lower across the board on lack of follow through buying and widespread profit taking in lakulustree trading, brokers said.
they said sentiment was mildly affected by Monday's fall in wall street. the straits times industrial index shed 7.78 points to 1,036.69. after rising about 50 points over six days. lakulustree advances by 135 to 32 and turnover shrank to 77.1 million shares against Monday's 28.8 million.
dealers said prices fell for most of the day, though some selective buying towards the close pared declines slightly, helped by a 139.95 point gain in the nickel closing index.

BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRAD
-NATIONAL BANK	1.110	1.110	1.110	1.110	570000	3
-GULF BANK	0.430	0.430	0.430	0.430	480000	1
-COMMERCIAL BK	0.315	0.315	0.315	0.315	1640000	2
-AHLI BANK	0.383	0.375	0.375	0.375	750000	2
-B.K.M.E	0.390	---	---	---	---	---
-K.R.E.B.	0.390	---	---	---	---	---
-BURGAN BANK	0.315	0.310	0.310	0.310	430000	1
-K.F.HOUSE	0.560	0.560	0.560	0.560	490000	2
INVESTMENT SECTOR						
-KMT INV. CO.	0.148	0.142	0.142	0.142	40000	2
-K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	---	---	---	---	---
-K.I.I.C.	0.148	---	---	---	---	---
-CON.FACILITIES	0.480	---	---	---	---	---
-AHLIAH INV.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-I.F.A.	0.100	---	---	---	---	---
-INV. PEARL KMT	0.106	---	---	---	---	---
INSURANCE SECTOR						
-KMT INSURANCE	0.730	---	---	---	---	---
-GULF INSURANCE	0.350	---	---	---	---	---
-AHLIA INS. CO.	0.580	---	---	---	---	---
-WARBA INS. CO.	0.455	0.450	0.450	0.450	50000	1
REAL EST SECTOR						
-KMT R.EST. CO.	0.232	---	---	---	---	---
-UNI R.EST. CO.	0.100	---	---	---	---	---
-MAT R.EST. CO.	0.202	---	---	---	---	---
-SALHIAH R.E.	0.080	---	---	---	---	---
-KMT R.E.I.COM	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
INDUSTRY SECTOR						
-MAT IND. CO.	0.540	---	---	---	---	---
-KMT N.P. IND.	0.300	---	---	---	---	---
-KMT CEMENT CO.	0.255	---	---	---	---	---
-H.A.M.T. CO.	0.415	---	---	---	---	---
-H.A.M.T. CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-GULF CABLE	1.090	---	---	---	---	---
-K.P.H.IND.CO.	0.210	---	---	---	---	---
-COMT.MARINE	0.255	---	---	---	---	---
-K.SH.REP.CO	0.044	---	---	---	---	---
SERVICES SECTOR						
-OVERLAND TRANS	0.082	---	---	---	---	---
-K.W.C. CO.	0.190	---	---	---	---	---
-KMT HOTELS CO.	0.170	---	---	---	---	---
-P.WAREHOUSE	0.160	---	---	---	---	---
-COM.MKT.OMPK.	0.018	0.017	0.017	0.017	160000	2
-MOBILE TELE.	0.345	---	---	---	---	---
-KMT COMPUTER	0.178	---	---	---	---	---

-UNTD POLY TRY	0.216	---	---	---	---	---
-KMT FOODS	0.310	---	---	---	---	---
-AGRI. FOOD PRD.	0.150	---	---	---	---	---
NON-KMT SECTOR						
-BHM. INTER. BK	0.069	---	---	---	---	---
-BHM.M.EAST. BK	0.050	0.051	0.051	0.050	840000	2
-UNTD. GULF BK	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-COAST INVT.	0.104	0.102	0.102	0.102	2080000	23
-G.G. INV. CORP	0.033	0.034	0.034	0.034	960000	8
-FIRST. GULF BK	0.620	---	---	---	---	---
-B.K.I.G.	0.078	---	---	---	---	---
KUMAIT STOCK EXCHANGE						
COMPANIES LISTED	ON THE PARALLEL					
FINANCIAL SECTOR	P.C.L	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
-PEARL INV.CO.	0.09%	---	---	---	---	---
-GULF INV.CO.	0.061	---	---	---	---	---
-GULF INTL INS	0.009	---	---	---	---	---
-ARAB INT CO.	0.055	---	---	---	---	---
-SHARJAH INS	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-GULF UNION IHS	0.070	---	---	---	---	---
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR						
B-GULF MEDICAL	0.029	---	---	---	---	---
C-R.K.K.WHITE CNT	0.025	---	---	---	---	---
D-KUWAI CEMENT	0.007	---	---	---	---	---
E-FUJAIRAH CENT	0.006	---	---	---	---	---
F-SHARJAH CEMENT	0.007	---	---	---	---	---
G-GULF CEMENT	0.016	---	---	---	---	---
H-UMM QAIHAIN	0.023	---	---	---	---	---

STOCK		LAST PR-CLSE		RESTRICTED	
BAER HDGS	13400	13325	DE BUEHR I	1220	1220
BALDISE PS	2325	2350	DE BUEHR H	308	310
BBC I A	2615	2555	DE BUEHR P	290.00	294.00
SK LEU I	3175	3120	ROCHE BABY	12725	12700
BK LEU N	2780	2750	ROCHE I	1000	0
BK LEU PS	419	416	RUECKVEI I	13250	13250
CFV	0	1150	RUECKVEI N	6350	6325
C1B GEIG I	3550	3560	RUECKVEI P	1950	1945
C1B GEIG H	1770	1775	RY TR BK	1180	1180
C1B GEIG P	2235	2235	S BNKGSL I	3405	3415
CCK	0	1250	S BNKGSL N	615	619
CRED SUI I	2820	2810	S BNKVRN P	125.50	125.00
CRED SUI H	520	521	S BNKVRN I	395	393
EG LAUFEN	0	1775	S BNKVRN N	304.00	305.00
ELEKTROMAT	2975	2990	S BNJVH P	312	310
ENS CHEN I	3840	3810	SANDOZ I	12300	12375
GLOBUS I	7700	7925	SANDOZ N	6000	6020
GLOBUS N	7000	7100	SANDOZ PS	2025	2035
GLOBUS PS	1240	1280	SULZER H	5000	5020
JACOBS, S I	7740	7780	SULZER PS	465	465
JACOBS S N	1350	1340	SULZER PS	1815	1820
JACOBS S P	625	615	SVSSAIR	1200	1205
JELH I	2820	2875	SVSSAIR N	990	990
JELH PS	380	380	V THUR I	5600	5600
LAMDIS N	1470	1450	V THUR H	2825	2840
LAMDIS PS	130.00	128.00	V THUR PS	720	717
MERCK I	815	815	ZURICH I	5950	5950
			ZURICH N	2800	2800
			ZURICH PS	1895	1895

KUWAIT, Oct. 25, (Reuters): Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates climbed today as dollar buying tightened liquidity, dealers said.

The dollar firmed against the dinar and players believed it would continue to strengthen, encouraging banks to build up dollar positions.

future direction of rates.

Dealers said a drain on liquidity brought on by a estimated five billion riyals (\$1.1 billion) worth of payments due to expatriates from the Saudi government seemed to be taking place more gradually than expected.

Climbed Overnight hovered near yesterday levels, trading at between 3-1/2 and six per cent and ending the day at five, four per cent. But tomorrow-next climbed to 7-1/2, 6-1/2 per cent and spot-next to 7-1/4, 6-1/4 per cent from six per cent levels yesterday.

One-week rates were eight, seven per cent after eight per cent deals.

GOSI collected five per cent of expatriate salaries from the mid-1970's until last year when King Fahd cancelled a default pension fund.

Fixed period rates initially jumped on the news, but began to ease yesterday after an unexpected influx of funds exerted downward pressure.

Spot-next firmed 1/2 point to nine, 8-1/2 per cent but this

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal inter-bank deposits continued to soften in very quiet trade with most traders sidelined to assess the

KUWAIT, Oct. 25. (KUNA): Following are international currency rates as quoted by local banks and announced by the Central Bank of Kuwait today.

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.27977	0.28129
Sterling	0.48926	0.49221
S. mark	0.15597	0.15691
S. franc	0.18409	0.18522
F. franc	0.04564	0.04591
It. lira	0.0002089	0.0002104
Jap. yen	0.0022029	0.0022167
Bah. dinar	0.74209	0.74633
UAE Dh.	0.07616	0.07660
S. riyal	0.07456	0.07499
Q. riyal	0.07682	0.07731
O. riyal	0.72648	0.73091

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25. (Reuters) US orders for expensive manufactured goods fell 4.1 per cent in September after an unusually large 5.7 per cent increase in August, the government said today.

Excluding the volatile category of military equipment, durable goods orders fell 3.5 per cent last month after rising 5.1 per cent in August, the Commerce Department said.

Wall Street had expected a decline of about one per cent in orders for durable goods, which are designed to last at least three years.

Because the monthly figures are so volatile, economists were reluctant to read too much into the September drop, even though it was consistent with other data suggesting that the economy slowed down slightly at the end of the third quarter.

Gross national product figures due on Wednesday are expected to show that the economy expanded at an annual rate of about three per cent between July and September compared with 3.2 per cent in the first six months of the year.

The August rise in durable goods orders and the ensuing September decline were mostly the result of wide swings in the transportation category, the Commerce Department said.

Orders for transportation equipment fell 10.2 per cent to \$31.16 billion in September, mostly due to a drop in the shipbuilding and aircraft categories, after a surge of 18.6 per cent in August that mainly reflected a rise in car orders.

Japan extends credit for Egyptian project

TOKYO, Oct. 25. (AP): The Export-Import Bank of Japan signed an agreement today to loan 14.7 billion yen (\$116 million) to the Egyptian Electricity Authority to build a thermal power plant, a bank official

He said Egypt would build the 100-megawatt plant at Assiut, 100 kilometres (180 miles) south of Cairo. The completion date is June 1991.

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Sterling weakens

Dollar gains and gold edges higher

LONDON, Oct. 25, (Reuters): The dollar, which hit four-month lows last week, got a boost from weaker oil prices and a US Treasury forecast that America's huge trade deficit would narrow through 1989, currency dealers said.

At midday in Europe, the US currency traded at around 1.7965 West German marks and 127.10 Japanese yen, about a penny higher than a year ago. It had ended last week just under 1.78 marks and 126.50 yen.

Lunchtime European oil prices were slightly up on their earlier close in Tokyo but, with North Sea Brent blend crude quoted at around \$12 a barrel for November delivery, were still about 20 cents down on Monday's London close.

Higher

Gold bullion edged higher, being fixed in London today at \$406.60 an ounce compared with yesterday's finish of \$405.15.

The metal is traditionally a favoured investor hedge against inflation, and last week's failure of two key OPEC ministerial committees to reach agreement on production cuts in the face of a glutted world oil market has eased inflation fears.

Dealers said the dollar's better performance was due partly to the lower oil prices and partly to the US Treasury Department's expectations of an improvement in America's trade performance, even without further exchange rate changes.

But David Deakin, senior manager for foreign exchange at EBC Amro Bank in London did not see the dollar's rise today as much more than a bounce at the moment.

The Treasury, in a report to Congress yesterday, said it expected the US balance of payments deficit to narrow by around \$30 billion this year and an unspecified amount in 1989.

With the dollar higher, Britain's pound sterling weakened, trading at midday around \$1.7470 after closing yesterday at 1.7520. But it was firmer against the mark at 3.1375 from 3.1307 after Bank of England intervention yesterday.

West German and French shares were slightly higher.

Rally

In Tokyo, stocks staged a last-minute rally today on the drop in oil prices slumped and lower Japanese interest rates, dealers said.

A rash of computer-based

programme buying helped push the 225-share Nikkei Average 139.95 points higher to 27,421.49.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng index ended 22.07 points higher to 2,584.53 after a soft opening, pushed up by speculation that Hong Kong Shanghai hotels plans to make a general offer for its own stocks to fight off a hostile bid, dealers said.

Australian stocks closed lower with the All Ordinaries index 7.5 points down at 1,579.9, off the day's high of 1,587.3.

In London shares were holding steady mixed in quiet afternoon trading as referral of Minorco's bid for Cons Gold to the monopolies commission and nervousness ahead of Thursday's UK trade data kept the market subdued.

Offer

News of the referral this morning caught the market off guard as Cons Gold had earlier risen after the takeover panel dismissed the company's appeal against the bid. Cons Gold fell to a low of 1.127p after the referral decision but rose later to end 105p down to the day at 1.140.

By 1503 the FTSE 100 share index was 1.8 points easier at

1,846.6, after hitting a low of 1,840.0.

Minorco's 1.278p per share offer automatically lapsed on the referral and the market will have to wait around three months for results of the monopolies inquiry.

A separate Department of Trade and Industry inquiry into suspected insider dealing ahead of the Minorco bid, also is likely to issue its findings in three months, dealers said.

The monopolies inquiry is a rather narrow one, with emphasis on control of the gold market and the supply of strategic metals like zircon. While it's a setback for Minorco, it won't be looking at the South African interests, so the fight's not over yet, one analyst commented.

The surprise referral also took some steam out of growing bid speculation elsewhere in the market. Lloyds, one of the casualties, fell 11p to 353 and topped the turnover list with 11.6 million shares traded.

Speculation

Lombard recently said Bond Corp holds around 15 per cent of the company, reinforcing market speculation the Australian company might be stalking Lombard

with the view to a possible bid.

Dealers said shares were set to remain within a narrow range ahead of the UK September trade data. The market is braced for a repeat of August's £1.3 billion gap but anything worse could hurt the pound and trigger another interest rate rise.

The banking sector fell sharply after Lloyds Bank announced plans to launch a new current account in January that will pay interest of between four and six per cent.

Analysts expect other banks to follow Lloyds and said the move could depress profits considerably.

"I think we could see 30 per cent of their current account customers taking this scheme up in the first year and that could shave £200 million upwards off the banking sector's profits as a whole," said Chris Ellerton, analyst at Warburg Securities.

Lloyds shed 7p off at 323, Midland shed 17p to 415, while Barclays and Nat West both lost 13p to 414 and 547 respectively.

Construction company Beazer was down 4p to 185, falling with the wider market after an early climb to 191 on news its full year pre-tax profit jumped 58 per cent to £114.7 million.

Rising dollar won't deal major blow in trade battle, says US

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25, (AP): The Treasury Department said yesterday the rise in the value of the dollar this year likely will not "significantly alter" prospects for continued progress in reducing the US foreign trade deficit.

In a report required by the trade bill passed by Congress this summer, President Ronald Reagan's administration said the drop in the dollar following last October's stock market crash was a temporary overreaction to a crisis and that the current value was still lower than before the crash.

Members of Congress and economists have expressed alarm at the 14 per cent rise in the value of the dollar from lows of nine months ago, saying it will hamper progress on whittling the trade deficit.

But, the administration report said, "it seems unlikely that movements in the dollar so far this year will significantly alter the outlook for sustained trade improvement."

The department said changes in trade flows normally lag behind exchange rate fluctuations by two to three years. It cited improvements in the efficiency of US business, and added, "strengthened US competitiveness is much broader-

based than simple exchange rate calculations."

The report strongly endorsed Japanese efforts to stimulate its economy in an effort to increase import buying, and it mildly praised West Germany's effort.

But it found that Taiwan and South Korea have manipulated exchange rates to keep their currencies artificially low when compared with the dollar, thus hurting the efforts of the United States to reduce its trade deficit with those countries.

A senior treasury official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said negotiations with those two countries, as required by the trade bill, will begin soon. The administration is required to report on its progress in six months.

Paak

Overall, the official predicted the US trade deficit will shrink by \$30 billion this year, from a peak in 1987 of 160 billion, as measured on a balance-of-payments basis.

The official said the improvement should continue next year, but declined to say by how much.

Many private economists maintain the deficit will not shrink below \$100 billion a year without a further drop in the

dollar.

However, the Treasury Department's report said the United States has successfully moderated domestic growth, thus curbing the growth of imports and permitting manufacturers to produce more for export.

It said Japan, which had the largest trade surplus with the United States last year, has stimulated its economy, causing a rapid acceleration of its domestic demand and a reduction of its trade surplus.

It said West Germany, which had the second largest trade surplus with the United States, also has moved in the right direction, but said, "its performance is less striking."

In another part of the report, the administration said its policy of co-ordinating intervention in currency markets with other major industrial nations has succeeded in stabilising sharp fluctuations in exchange rates even though the interventions were small relative to total currency trading.

It said the United States spent \$8.5 billion to prop up the value of the dollar as it was falling in 1987 and sold \$1.4 billion in dollars to curb its appreciation this year.

Sudan devalues its currency

KHARTOUM, Sudan, Oct. 25, (AP): In an effective devaluation of the Sudanese pound, the government established a free foreign currency exchange market today to function side by side with the official system.

The Ministry of Economy announced the decision yesterday, and said the purchase price of a US dollar would be 11.40 Sudanese pounds, and the sale price 11.50 Sudanese pounds.

The official rate is 4.5 Sudanese pounds to the dollar.

The official Omdurman Radio reported today that the dollar was going at 11.40 Sudanese pounds on the free market.

The ministry statement said the official rate would be used to purchase about 28 basic commodities, including wheat, medicines, and petroleum products.

The ministry said an official committee would set the daily prices.

Debt

Sudan has a foreign debt burden of about \$13 billion and an inflation rate of 70 per cent. It has reached a deadlock with the International Monetary Fund in talks aimed at reforming the country's economy.

In February 1986, the IMF declared Sudan ineligible for further loans for defaulting on debt payments.

Prime Minister Sadek El Mahdi has said that Sudanese nationals hold more than \$60 billion in banks abroad, mostly earned by workers in oil-rich Arab states.

On Saturday, he urged Sudanese to bring their money back home and said his government would encourage business investments.

The new free exchange market is apparently a move to encourage the repatriation of Sudanese money through official channels rather than the black market, where the exchange rate before today's announcement was 10.5 Sudanese pounds to the dollar.

Japan's trading firms to allow Iraq to delay debt payments

TOKYO, Oct. 25, (Reuters): Japan's big trading companies, eager to pick up new business in the Middle East after the end of the Gulf war, have decided to allow Iraq to delay repayment of nearly \$400 million in debt.

"We reached an agreement earlier this month," a spokesman for the companies said today.

Under the deal, Iraq will not have to start repaying some \$5 billion Japanese yen (\$395 million) in loans falling due this year and next until toward the end of 1991, he said. He declined to provide any other details.

Debt

Iraq had run up the debt with the trading companies to pay for the construction of plants and other projects.

Major companies from around the world are scrambling to establish a business foothold in both Iran and Iraq after a ceasefire in the eight-year-old war between the two took effect earlier this year.

Iraq owes a total of about \$40 billion yen (\$4.25 billion) to Japanese traders, a Japan external trade organisation official said.

Massive deals could go wrong if economy slows: economists

Huge investment pool spurs US merger boom

NEW YORK, Oct. 25, (Reuters): An investment pool that could fund \$250 billion in corporate buyouts is helping to fuel the biggest merger boom in history, but such massive deals could go seriously wrong if the economy slows abruptly, economists say.

In the past month, Wall Street has been awash in takeovers and offers, with the most spectacular proposals coming last week from tobacco giants Philip Morris Cos Inc. and RJR Nabisco Inc.

Buyout

Wall Street investment bankers explained that \$25 billion stockpiled by leveraged buyout funds could fund up to \$250 billion in takeovers. The funds could also put pressure on the management of companies already made vulnerable by low stock prices since last year's market crash.

In a typical leveraged buyout,

the buyer puts in about 10 per cent of the purchase price and cash flow and the proceeds from assets sales are used to pay off debt from the transaction, take-over experts say.

"Some of these things look terrific, but we may not know for years. Historically, more of that money (used in deals) might have gone for new investment. Now it's simply going to shift around assets. You wonder if it's having an adverse effect on future competitiveness," said Lawrence Chimener, chief executive of Wafa Group, a consulting firm.

Move

Kohlberg Kravis Roberts and Co., the largest US leveraged buyout firm, disclosed a \$20 billion, \$90 per share bid for RJR yesterday in what would be the biggest takeover ever. RJR last week said its management was

considering making a 75 per share, \$17 billion bid.

Investment bankers yesterday said the move by Kohlberg Kravis, which has a \$5.6 billion fund, is likely to affect the way other Wall Street buyout funds proceed in the takeover arena.

Although Kohlberg Kravis dismisses Wall Street talk that it is moving into the deal on a moderately hostile footing, arbitrageurs and investment bankers said it is applying pressure.

Another tobacco company, Philip Morris Cos, last week bid \$11.5 billion for Kraft Inc. But on Sunday Kraft announced it would recapitalise to escape the offer.

Lure

Investment bankers said banks' readiness to lend is also keeping the merger wave rolling. Economists said commercial

banks may be lending for mergers with too much ardor. Yet the lure of high returns has brought even the most conservative into the buyout game as investors in leveraged buyout funds.

"The bulk of the capital comes from very, very conventional sources... banks, insurance companies, college endowments," said Joseph Rice, president of the leveraged buyout firm, Clayton and Dubilier.

While many leveraged buyouts have proven to be gold mines for their buyers, others have run into serious trouble, due mainly to the debt companies take on to finance the deals.

REVCO, a large drugstore chain, declared bankruptcy in July due to its huge debt load. The filing came just 19 months after the 2,000-store chain was taken private in a \$1.3 billion leveraged buyout.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Oct. 25, (Reuters): Shares closed lower but overcame early setbacks caused by a poor September quarter inflation figure, lower gold prices and soft overseas markets. The All-Ordinaries index fell 7.5 points to 1,579.9.

TOKYO: Late futures-related buying lifted share prices to near the day's highs at the close after wavering most of the day. The Nikkei index rose 139.95, 0.51 per cent, to 27,421.49.

HONG KONG: Stocks closed higher with buying interest spurred by speculation that Hong Kong Shanghai hotels planned a general offer for its own stock to counter a hostile bid. The Hang Seng index rose 22.07 to 2,584.53.

SINGAPORE: Prices closed marginally lower across the board on lack of follow-through buying and widespread profit-taking in lacklustre trading. The Straits Times Industrial index shed 7.78 points to 1,036.69.

BOMBAY: Share prices ran out of steam after a strong start to close lower on widespread profit-taking. Selling by state-owned financial institutions undermined sentiment and traders preferred to book quick profits.

US planning currency talks with Taiwan and S. Korea

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25, (AP): President Ronald Reagan's administration is preparing for a new round of talks with Taiwan and South Korea about what it considers unfair efforts to bolster their trade balances by manipulating the value of their currencies.

The omnibus trade bill passed by Congress this summer required the US Treasury Department to determine if four newly industrialised Asian countries — Taiwan, South Korea, Singapore and Hong Kong — are artificially holding down the value of their currencies relative to the dollar.

The report, delivered to the House and Senate Banking Committees yesterday, found that Singapore and Hong Kong, while running large trade surpluses, impose few restrictions on trade.

Low

Taiwan and South Korea, however, keep their currencies artificially low and impose tariffs and other barriers to free trade, the report said.

The failure of the Taiwan dollar and Korean won to

appreciate significantly against the US dollar keeps prices of US exports to those countries high and the price of US imports of Taiwanese and South Korean products low.

A senior Treasury official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, noted that the United States has discussed the exchange rate issue with Taiwan and South Korea before, but said the trade bill represented "a very significant change in terms of perception."

Penalties

Although it does not specify penalties against countries manipulating their currencies, the bill requires the administration to assess the result of the negotiations in six months. If there's a lack of progress, we will have to report that," the official said. The new talks will begin "as soon as we can effectively commence the dialogue," he said.

In general, the Treasury Department said it was pleased by the progress of the United States and its economic allies in stabilising exchange rates since the Louvre Accord in February

1987. Members of Congress and economists have expressed alarm at the 14 per cent rise, at an annual rate, in the value of the dollar from lows nine months ago, saying it will hamper progress on whittling down the trade deficit.

However, the report said the dollar, by rising this year, had simply rebounded from a drop it characterised as a temporary overreaction to the October stock market crash and that the dollar was still lower than before the crash.

"It seems unlikely that movements in the dollar so far this year will significantly alter the outlook for sustained trade improvement," it said.

The report strongly endorsed efforts by Japan, which had the largest trade surplus with the United States, to stimulate its economy in any effort to increase import buying.

It said West Germany, which had the second largest trade surplus with the United States, has also moved in the right direction, but said, "its performance is less striking."

Bush, Dukakis oppose oil import fee

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25, (AP): Michael Dukakis and George Bush both oppose oil import fees to help the depressed US oil industry, one of the few areas of energy policy on which the presidential candidates agree.

In interviews last week, Dukakis adviser Jack Riggs and Bush adviser William Martin said the next president will have to make tradeoffs between energy and the environment.

"There is almost always going to be a conflict between some of our energy policies and some of our environmental policies," said Riggs, majority staff director of the energy and power subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Instances

Martin, a former deputy energy secretary, said, "We're going to find instances where energy security objectives and environmental objectives are going to go ahead to head against each other."

They were interviewed for a radio programme, "Energy Update," whose tapes are produced by Americans for

Energy Independence, a study organisation supported by unions, companies and others interested in a strong domestic energy supply. The tapes will be broadcast in the two weeks before the election.

There are both differences and similarities between the candidates.

Some differences: — Bush favours exploration of the Arctic national wildlife refuge in Alaska, in a good drilling prospect. Dukakis opposes it.

— Dukakis would keep motor vehicle mileage standards but opposes standards that "directly cause a major penalty to the US economy," Bush would drop the standards.

Some similarities: — Both candidates favour tax incentives to encourage domestic oil production and oppose new tariffs, sometimes called "import fees."

— Both oppose other energy taxes, such as higher gasoline taxes or a levy on the carbon content of fuels, at the moment. Dukakis would consider them if

new revenue were needed, but would resist taxes that would hurt one segment of the industry more than another.

— Both expect and favour major growth in natural gas as an energy source.

Some shadings: — Bush believes in nuclear power but recognises "it does have a problem of public confidence and safety," Dukakis believes "we cannot even begin to consider promoting nuclear power as part of our energy mix", without a new generation of safer reactors, a solution to the waste disposal problem and stronger safety oversight.

Plant

Opposition from Dukakis has helped prevent the startup of a nuclear plant in New Hampshire just over the state line.

Dukakis believes the nation needs a "core supply" of domestic oil production, currently about 8.2 million barrels a day or 9 per cent below the decade's peak year of 1985. Some 300,000 jobs have been lost since then.

"I have not seen anything from Gov. Dukakis that would try to

put that in barrels per day or a percentage of our energy needs," Riggs said.

Dukakis opposes a higher tariff because it is "a tremendously inefficient way to raise revenue and a tremendously inefficient way to help energy industries," Riggs said. "It would help domestic energy industries by putting huge burdens on farmers and business and consumers."

Jobs

Martin was principal author of a departmental report last year concluding a major oil tariff would cost the economy almost three times as many jobs as it would restore to the domestic oil industry.

"While some energy objectives might be realised through taxes — in the case of a gasoline tax you might conserve more, in the case of an import fee we might produce more — the fact is there is a penalty on the economy as a whole," Martin said.

Martin said tax incentives favoured by Bush could increase production by 600,000 barrels a day and cost \$600 million in annual tax revenue.

Experts praise University of Illinois researchers

Superfast computer designed

CHICAGO, Oct. 25, (UPI): Experts praised University of Illinois researchers for designing parallel computer architecture linking several smaller processors into a superfast combination that is as powerful as but far cheaper than a supercomputer.

Researchers at the Centre for Supercomputer Research and Development announced yesterday they had successfully tested the "architecture" or hardware switches and computer programs needed to bind processors in a parallel design allowing several units to split up a large task and efficiently tackle its parts simultaneously.

David Kuck, director of the CSRD on the Champaign-Urbana Campus, said a team of researchers there had strung together two clusters of two processors and memory units in a parallel architecture they call the "Cedar System." Processors are the basic working units of computers.

Expansion

Kuck said the design allows for expansion, and he expects to have 32 processors linked with Cedar by mid-1989. Theoretically the architecture could co-ordinate the work of up to 256 processors.

"It's a very nice network for

interconnecting processors and memories in a way that's very fast," Kuck said in a telephone interview.

Kuck said most supercomputers, including America's fastest Cray supercomputers, have been struggling to achieve greater speeds by improving the speed of a single, very expensive processor. A better approach, he said, would be to link multiples of less expensive processors, adding more speed with each processor.

But the problem has been harmonising the work of multiple processors, getting components to communicate with each other.

The Cedar System flexibly but very efficiently links medium-priced processor units to one another and to each memory. "In quick time it allows every processor to talk to every memory," Kuck said.

Tests

Cedar has proved its "mettle" already by achieving through several complex benchmark computer programmes at speeds close to or exceeding those of \$16 million Cray supercomputers. The four processors Cedar harnesses for the tests, however, were modified Alliant mini-supercomputers, which cost about \$500,000 each.

Reforms

One Cedar advantage is that it performs well on a wide variety of problems. Earlier designs for parallel processing worked well for some types of problems but poorly on others. "We're smoothing out those peaks and valleys, doing many things well," Kuck said.

Iran to end Gulf oil tanker shuttle

MANAMA, Bahrain, Oct. 25, (AP): Iran is about to end its tanker shuttle from the Kharg Island oil terminal to the southern Gulf, Tehran's much-attacked oil export artery during the eight-year-old Gulf war with Iraq, shipping circles in London and the Gulf said today.

The London-based Lloyd's Shipping Intelligence Unit, which monitors maritime traffic world-wide, reported from Tehran that Iran will scrap the service between Kharg in the northern Gulf and the makeshift Sirri terminal in the south by the end of the year.

It quoted Mohammad Souri, chairman and managing director of the National Iranian Tanker Co., as saying he expected half of Iran's oil exports to be lifted directly by foreign tankers from Kharg within a month and all of it within two months.

Iran is currently exporting an estimated 1.4 million barrels a day. But officials have said they plan to increase their long-term export capacity to around 4.5 million barrels a day.

The Lloyd's report underlined Iranian efforts to restore normal oil export operations following the Aug 20 ceasefire in the Gulf war, which has eased tension in the strategic waterway.

Gulf-based shipping officials reported earlier this month that the Iranians had stopped exercising their legal right to challenge vessels suspected of carrying war-related cargoes to Iraq.

Lifted

They also reported that Iran had withdrawn all its armed speedboats from the southern Gulf island of Abu Musa Island.

It had been used as a base for hit-and-run attacks against neutral ships in reprisal for Iraqi air raids on tankers carrying

Iranian oil from Kharg. The last shipping raid was an Iranian speedboat attack on a Norwegian tanker on Aug 4.

Japan's Shipowners and Maritime Union today lifted a ban of their members sailing to Kharg imposed late last year because of the so-called "tanker war."

One shipping source said there were unconfirmed reports that a Japanese tanker had already loaded at Kharg, left the Gulf and was returning. The ship was not identified and other sources said they had no information about the report.

Kharg, which lies off Iran's coast in the northeastern Gulf, accounts for 90 per cent of Iran's oil exports. That made it a target for repeated Iraqi air raids that Baghdad said were aimed at strangling oil exports that financed Tehran's war effort.

Innovation breeds success, says banker

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Reserve Bank of India also felt that the needs of the rural population, especially the needs of the largest groups, were not being fully met by the banking sector.

So RBI thought that specific areas should be allotted to different banks who would prepare a development plan covering various activities of the local people with special emphasis on agriculture and cottage industry.

"After preparing a development plan, a banking plan should be implemented in order to take care of the entire needs of the area and the responsibility is left with the bank to whom the villages are allotted," Nair said. He added that this is known as the Service Area Approach.

Surveys

Nair said Indian banking has been contemplating this method for the last two years. During the performance setting session for the 1988, it was decided that branch managers should be made the kings of the bank.

They should make a full survey of the command area of their

branch and prepare a plan for three years — taking into consideration the local requirements and develop an action plan for every year.

It should be a business plan of resource mobilisation and utilisation and find profitability and be well planned, Nair stressed. He said that as an Indian bank "we started this unique process even before the directive from the RBI or government."

The chairman said: "In 1986 we introduced a novel scheme known as New Entrepreneurial Development Agency (NEDA). This was designed to encourage financially qualified people to embark on developmental projects or industries with the full assistance from the banks. We select the qualified people and also assist them in selecting the project and give appropriate training. We also try to do the necessary backward and forward linkage for procuring the material and selling the products with the co-operation of the existing industries."

The bank also has a separate department at the head office

(Madras) headed by a female officer to assist the women entrepreneurs.

Besides Madras, such cells have been functioning effectively in Ernakulam and Delhi. The bank has been conducting seminars and workshops with the help of Small Industries Service Institutes (SISI) in association with small industrialists and the Kothari Institute for Science and Technology for Women.

The bank recently introduced the Auto Teller Machine (ATM) in Madras and later such machines will be installed in Delhi, Bombay, Hyderabad and Cochin.

"Our selected customers can utilise such facilities irrespective of the branch where they have an account," Nair said.

The bank has

By Bryan Appleyard

JOAN COLLINS is sitting in a suite in Claridge's. She wears black high heels, black tights, a short black skirt and a white blouse. Her hair tumbles in the approved fashion. The lipstick is applied to create a sharp downward V-shape on her upper lip and her no-coloured eyes are savagely outlined by thick pencilled curves which form two dagger-like points at the outer edges. She is swathed in thick gold chains and her forearms are armoured with a huge collection of bangles.

She looks like an ageing sado-masochist's dream. Except, that is, for the curiously large head, which seems imperfectly balanced on the startlingly fragile body and the thin, actressy voice which emerges from the whole terrifying concoction.

In fairness, it has to be said that she is not well. "I've got this ghastly flu. I got it in New York from the air-conditioning. It's so annoying. I can't shift it — and I'm never ill."

The hug meant she was well behind with her promotion schedule. There has been a photo-call and a press conference and a large number of public relations men fussing about the place. Tea, black with lemon, has to be assembled to soothe her throat. But the show has to go on and there is her first novel to plug.

"I like writing," she says, the throat now soothed and the legs assembled at the approved angle. "I've written bits of novels since I was six or seven. I edited the form magazine in the fourth form. I was always very good at English at school."

To fact, it is her fourth book. The first was an autobiography, the second a beauty book and the third a diary of the days she spent with her daughter in a coma. Prime Time the novel, is a nasty run around life in the Hollywood television business. The heroine is an English singer who attains stardom through a part in a big soap opera called Sage.

Collins, of course, made it big in a soap called Dynasty. Wasn't the novel, therefore, rather riskily close to home?

"It would be far more risky to write a novel about cricket or flower-arranging — things that I know nothing about. I talked to people who are writers, and they all said you should write

... and now Joan the novelist

about things you know inside out in your first novel.

Anyway, I have to tell you that the older I get, the less I give a damn about what people think. I really couldn't care less about what anybody thinks except the public."

The eyes, the only visible organic surface on her entire face, stare back, waiting to be challenged. She is wary and defensive, ready to stamp on the slightest sign of a cheap crack or a trick question.

"Writing was sometimes easy, sometimes not. There were certain things that wrote themselves. But I did not like writing the violent scene. I'm very non-violent. The other thing was the sexual passages, which I rather avoided."

"The first scene was between Matt and Chloe. I'd just written in the manuscript that this was a very romantic love scene. After two and a half years, my editor asked: 'When am I going to see all of this scene?'"

Violence

The sex, presumably, we can accept as being derived from life. But it turns out that the violence includes an element of reportage. The novel includes a character called Calvin, a murderous nut who stalks the heroine.

"The character seemed to be alive in my mind. I've had that sort of thing happen to me to a minor way. It's not necessarily people wanting to kill you. They just sit outside your house day after day."

Once two people walked into my bathroom when I had just come out of the shower with a towel round me — this was when I had a guard in the house. It just happened they were fans. Unfortunately there is this climate of fear that favours the types of characters I play. People think I am the same bitchy, vengeful, vindictive swine that I play."

Including, of course, the press.

The British tabloid corps features heavily in the novel, invariably with hideous pock-marked faces. "I have to say I don't know any people who are great admirers of the British tabloid press. Do you?"

"Well, I am." She looks staggered, horrified.



Joan Collins: from soap queen to best-selling author

"I could paper the room with the lies that have been written about me. There are certain tabloid magazines in Italy that just make up stories. Now the British press has started picking up these stories. There was one about some idiot Italian actor I was supposed to be

going out with. It just goes in my cuttings, perpetuating the myth of Joan Collins with her toy boys. I don't consider somebody of 42 a toy boy."

The irony of her position appears to escape her. She is a tabloid queen made by the tabloids and happy to feed their

fantasies, yet she wants to sneer at them, too.

Her model of manhood is the sort of sinewy hunk who has lived a little, made a few mistakes, but is basically possessed of the Right Stuff of soap opera masculinity. Femininity involves embalming your youth,

looking as much as possible like a 20-year-old until the coffin lid finally closes.

"A lot of my fans are women over 35. I represent something to them which is hopeful. You can laugh at this..." — I had not dared — "...And a lot of feminists with moustaches can laugh at it too. But the fact of the matter is that it is a very sad indictment of our society that women's attractiveness is supposed to have dissipated by the time they reach their early thirties. People are only interested in women if they have a cute, tight little bum and a wrinkleless face. If men can be accepted as attractive in their forties, fifties and sixties, then women can be, too. Of course, it has to do with looking after yourself."

The novel ends with the heroine reunited with the real love of her life, but Collins denies there is any chance of her returning to any of a long list of husbands and lovers. And she is reluctant to admit that she appears to have been a had judge of men.

"I certainly don't think that Tony (Newley) and Ron (Kass) were bad men by any means. I'm still close to Tony — he's the father of my two oldest children. Ron, unfortunately, died. He was addicted to drugs, that's why I left him. Tony was a good person, he was just flawed. He was chronically unfaithful and I find that impossible to live with."

She has taken three weeks off to promote Prime Time having just completed two more "episodes" of Dynasty. Nine more will finish the season and then she is considering whether to abandon her seven-year-old portrayal of Alexis for good. She has a film and a series she wants to make and she wants eventually to be a grandmother living in a big house in the south of France.

"I think one's life is a three-act play. The first act is always really good, the second is good but most people's third act is not so good. And I want to have a really good third act."

Back to the old theme — the constant fear of ageing and death, the horrifying belief that looking attractive involves hiding behind ever thicker layers of deception. The inhumanity is beyond her comprehension. As a parting shot I ask if anybody has wondered about the real identity of Matt, the journalist lover of her heroine.

A nose for perfume

By Mark Trevelyan

LONDON, (Reuters): Behind every great perfume, experts say, is a great nose.

In the case of Parfums Rochas of Paris, the nose is loog, supports spectacles, is rinsed with salt water every morning and insured for a huge but undisclosed sum.

Its owner, thin and elegant like the nose itself, is master perfumer Nicolas Mamounas.

"There are only about four or five great creative perfumers in the world today, and Nicolas is one of them," a Rochas official whispered. As Mamounas showed off his skill on a recent visit to Selfridges, the large London department store.

"They're very rare, these people, and they're very much behind the scenes."

Mamounas, who can recognise hundreds of natural and synthetic fragrances from memory, identified 10 unlabelled perfumes at a demonstration in Selfridges' perfumed pavilion.

He says anyone, with practice, can improve their sense of smell — and anyone can develop their sensuality to the maximum by using perfumes that suit them.

"You have to find the perfume that matches your aura, the magnetism that you exude," he said in an interview.

"If you find a product that suits you, you really exploit to the full your seductive potential. Because in the end, perfume is made to seduce."

According to Mamounas, everyone has a unique "skin chemistry" corresponding to their race, diet, perspiration, skin temperature and a host of other factors.

The secret is to find the "family" of perfumes that suits you, and make sure the fragrance complements your skin chemistry rather than fighting against it.

Born in Alexandria of a Greek family, Mamounas went to Paris as a young man to study chemistry at the Paris Sorbonne. He discovered his talent by competing with a friend to identify the perfumes

of women they met at plays and concerts.

If he didn't know, he asked. "Once I asked someone in front of me on a bus what perfume she was wearing, and she replied: 'Young man, if that's your way of chatting up women, it won't work with me.' But then I explained to her..."

After leaving the Sorbonne, he studied perfumery for several years at Grasse, southern France, before establishing himself as a freelance consultant to several of the French perfume houses.

He became Rochas' master perfumer, or "nose," 11 years ago.

Mamounas declines to reveal his age — "nearer 50 than 30" — and will not say how much money his nose is insured for.

He looks after it by wrapping up against the cold, avoiding smoky rooms, watching his diet — no garlic, not too much alcohol, plenty of fish and vegetables — and careful "nose-tuning" every day.

"I rinse it every morning with salted cold water to keep the mucus moist and loose," he said.

One thing he avoids is wearing after-shave himself. "I don't use perfume. I'm like the baker who doesn't eat cakes... If I wear after-shave when I go to the laboratory I can smell my lotion and that gets in my way."

Mamounas works intensively on two to three new perfumes a year, with the most expensive selling at around £80 (\$135) for a small bottle.

His name never appears on the perfumes, and he draws his reward from the creative side of his work.

"Perfumery is a very abstract art, more abstract than music," he said. "You create an olfactory shape in your head and try to achieve it. You bring things from the depths of yourself into the light and you say: 'For me, that is beauty.'"

Mamounas likes to savour his creations when women wear them. He admires French women for their taste, subtlety and sense of proportion in wearing perfume — and finds those qualities lacking in Americans. "Everything is multiplied by five in that country," British women are somewhere in between.

For all that, he has never married. "I don't think an artist can marry," he said.

Mammography: it reveals more than we think

Mammography has made it possible to detect cancer at very early stages, but mammograms are also revealing with alarming frequency an abnormality that isn't truly cancerous, but 'pre-cancerous.' Since a pre-cancer may develop into a cancer, women who receive such a diagnosis often feel like a time bomb is ticking away inside. How worried should they be?

PRECANCERS aren't life-threatening in and of themselves. Rather, they're abnormal cells that have multiplied, but haven't yet invaded the surrounding healthy tissue.

One of the precancers, intraductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS), occurs in the milk ducts of the breasts, where 80 per cent of all breast cancers develop. The other, lobular carcinoma in situ (LCIS), starts in the breast's milk-producing glands.

Both of these precancers may very well take years in which to develop, says Susan M. Love, M.D., clinical assistant professor of surgery at Harvard Medical School and director of the Faulkner Breast Centre in Boston. She and other researchers suspect that DCIS may somehow be related to a woman's monthly hormonal

fluctuations. Researchers aren't sure just what causes the microscopic cell changes in the milk glands.

How risky is it?

There's a good chance that precancer can ultimately develop into full-blown cancer, says Dr. Love. If untreated, DCIS leads to invasive ductal cancer from 28 to 40 per cent of the time. LCIS increases by about 30 per cent within thirty years.

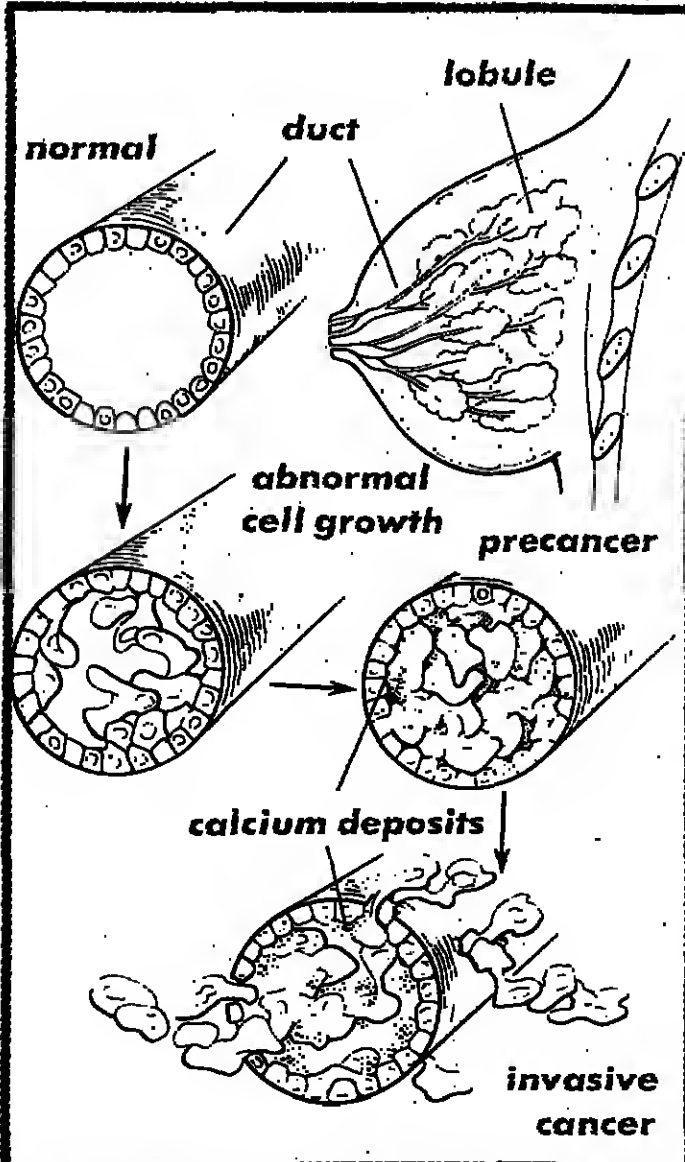
No one knows just how many women develop precancer of the breast, although autopsies on seventy women who died of causes other than breast cancer showed that 30 per cent of them had one of the two precancers.

How is it diagnosed?

Mammography does help detect some cases of DCIS.

Birth control pills and breast cancer: is there a connection?

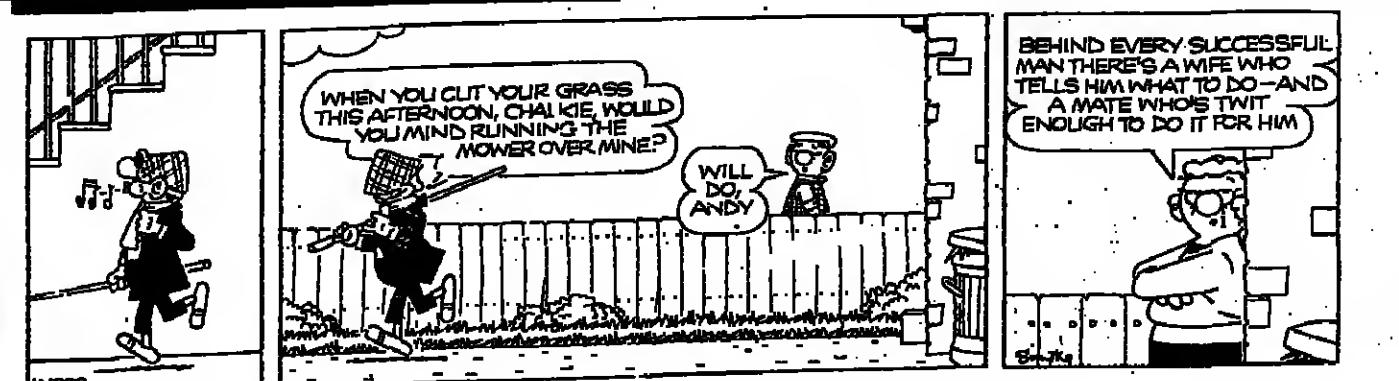
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A healthy breast duct (top row) turns precancerous when it fills with abnormally shaped cells. Cancer doesn't develop until the cells break through the duct wall, then spread throughout the breast (bottom row).

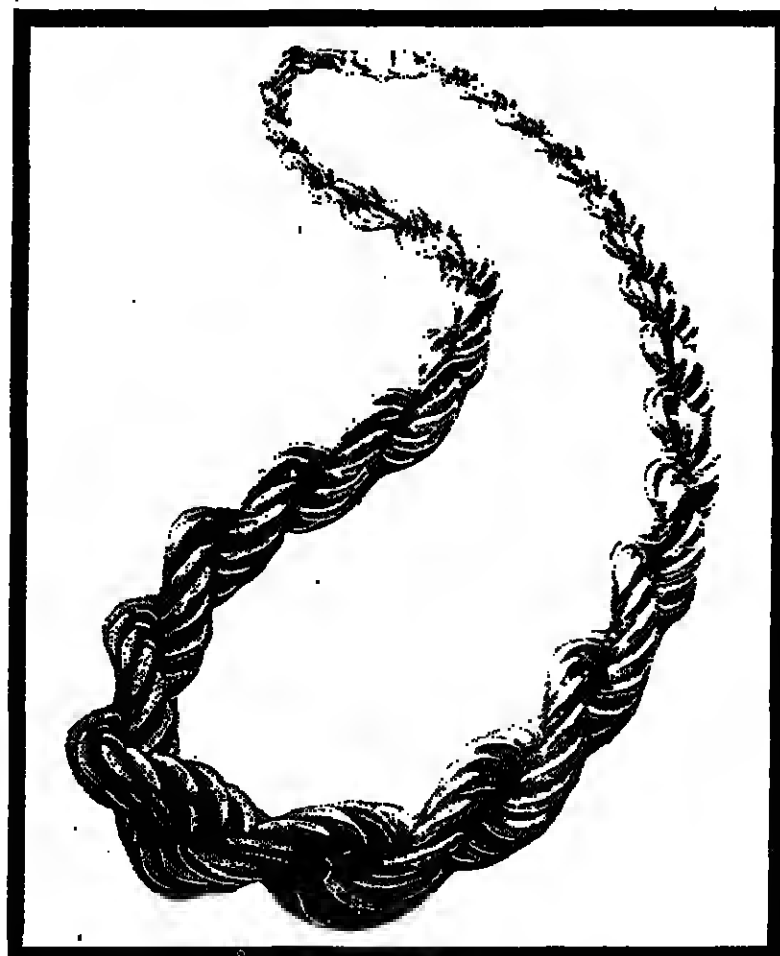
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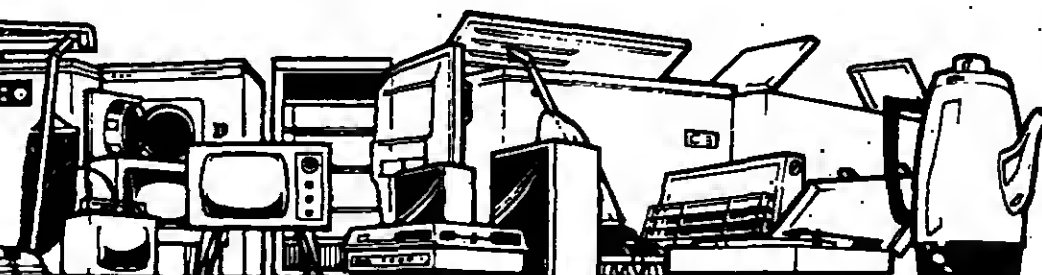
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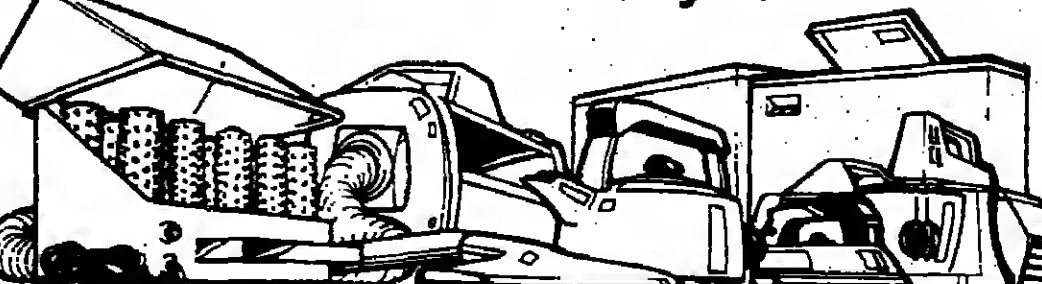
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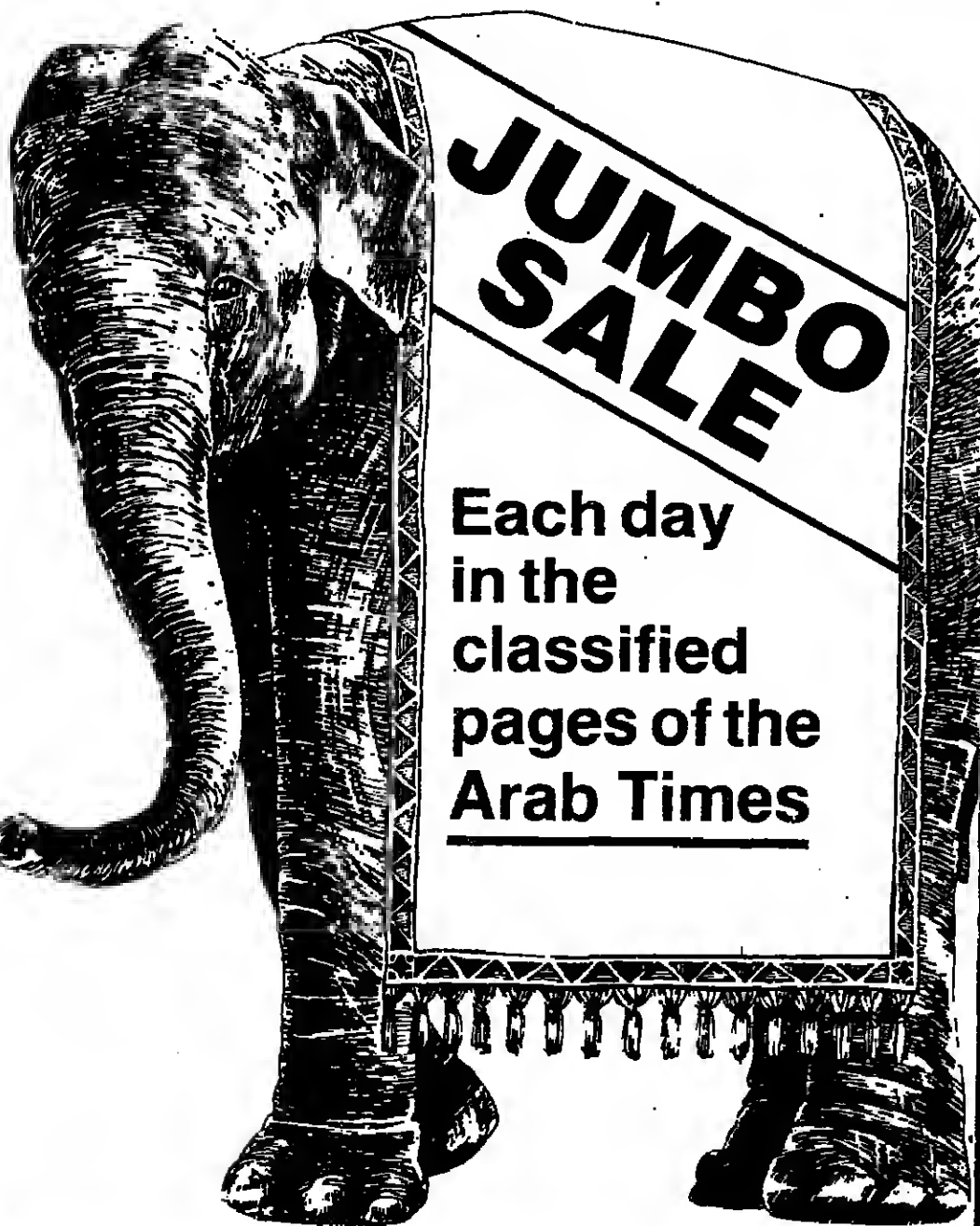


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Wood and Veletta eye Test place

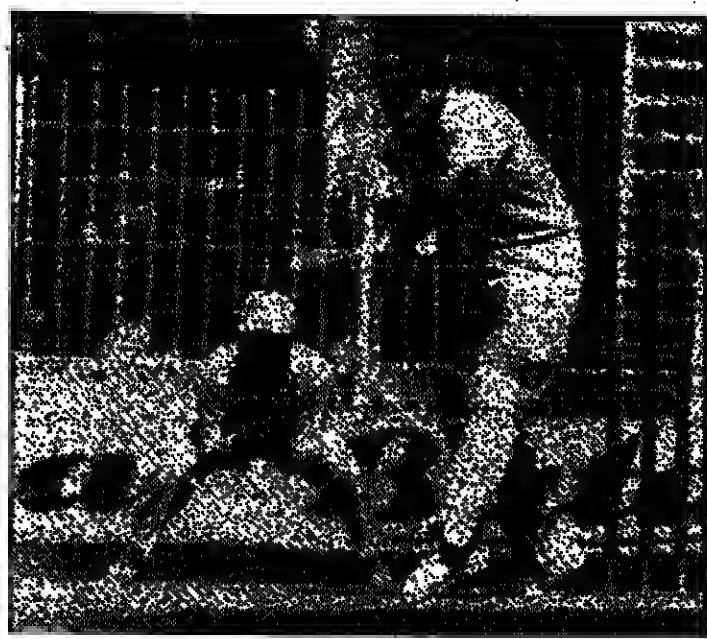
PERTH, Australia, Oct. 25 (Reuters). Graeme Wood and brother-in-law Mike Veletta will be playing for the number five position in the Australian Test side when they line up against West Indies in the opening tour match tomorrow.

Both batsmen were named today in a 12-man squad for the day-night game, a warm-up for the four-day match between the Sheffield Shield holders and the touring side starting on Friday.

Rested
West Indies' selectors will wait until tomorrow morning to name their side to see whether captain Viv Richards and fast bowler Malcolm Marshall will be fit to play.

Marshall was rested from the recent winning trip to the Sharjah one-day tournament because of a sore knee. Richards did not play in Sharjah after injuring his right ankle.

State captain Wood, who replaced Veletta in the recent series in Pakistan, has happy memories of the four-day match



Veletta: playing for the number five position

on the last West Indies tour in 1984/85 when he scored 141 and guaranteed himself a place in all five Tests.

But he needs some solid scores after amassing just 87 runs in the

three-Test series which Pakistan won 1-0.

The two games will also give pace bowler Terry Alderman an excellent stage on which to press his Test claims after serving a three-year Test ban for playing in South Africa.

Both Bruce Reid, Australia's premier pace bowler, and Peter Capes are missing through injury while Chris Matthews could also be sidelined for the limited overs game with a sore back.

Alderman took 39 Sheffield Shield wickets last season at an excellent average of 24.20.

Western Australia (from) — Graeme Wood (captain), Geoff Marsh, Mike Veletta, Tom Moody, Wayne Andrews, Tim Zohrer, Ken MacLeay, Chris Matthews, Tom Hogan, Terry Alderman, Alan Mullyally, James Brashaw.

West Indies — to be announced.

Meanwhile, Australia and West Indies face heavy fines if they fail to bowl their allotted 90 overs a day during the forthcom-

ing series.

Australian Cricket Board chief executive David Richards told a press conference today teams would be penalised 600 dollars (\$480) for each over under 90 they failed to bowl.

Allowances would be made for wickets and time lost through interruptions, he said.

England and West Indies agreed to 90 overs a day without fines during their recent series but the battery of West Indies pace bowlers meant play was often delayed into twilight.

Completed

Richards said Australia did not have the advantage of a long twilight.

"If the overs are not completed by six pm the bowling side will have to stay on the field until they have completed the requirement. But the batting side does have the option not to continue batting if it would put them at a disadvantage."

The first Test starts in Brisbane on November 18.



Florence Griffith-Joyner (left) presents a cowboy hat to Reagan on behalf of the US team. (Reuters wirephoto)

Reagan pays tribute to US Olympic squad

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25, (AP). President Ronald Reagan told members of the US Olympic team yesterday that they "set a fine example for the youth of America" by performing in the Seoul Summer Olympics without drug-related incidents.

"If you didn't come wearing a medal, you still were every bit a hero," Reagan told some 250 members of the 611-member team assembled at the diplomatic entrance to the White House for a welcome-home ceremony.

Achievements

"Just to make it to the level of Olympic competition is one of the greatest achievements a human being can attain in a lifetime," he said.

At Seoul, the Soviet Union took home 132 medals, including 55 gold, the most ever in a Summer Olympics without a major-power boycott. East Germany had 102 medals and 37 gold, and the United States 94 medals and

36 gold. Athletes from 160 nations competed.

Reagan smiled broadly as he moved toward the centre of scores of Olympians standing on a platform to pose for pictures. He was flanked by swimmer Matt Biondi and track and field star Florence Griffith Joyner as the athletes, wearing the United States Olympic Committee uniforms and sporting medals and insignias, waved to friends and looked toward the cameras. Filling out the picture were the remainder of the athletes, who stood on steps to the south porch.

The 1988 Summer Olympics were tainted by drug scandals, including the disqualification of Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson. There were no US disqualifications in Seoul, although American swimmer Angel Myers tested positive for steroids at final qualifying trials in August and was ruled ineligible for the Olympics.

Bears end 49ers' road winning run

CHICAGO, Oct. 25, (AP). Dan Hampton and Steve McMichael led a defence that set up all of Chicago's points and shut down Joe Montana, Roger Craig and the rest of the league's leading offence as the Chicago Bears beat the San Francisco 49ers 10-9 last night.

Chicago's victory, which made them 7-1 at the midway mark, ended the 49ers' 11-game road winning streak one short of a League record the 49ers tied a year ago.

It was mostly the work of the front four — Hampton, McMichael, Richard Dent and Al Harris — which almost completely shut down San Francisco after Montana hit Jerry Rice with a 23-yard scoring pass on San Francisco's first possession.

Remaining

The 49ers, who got 97 yards on that initial drive, added just 120 more in the remaining 31-3 quarters. And Craig, who entered the weekend as the National Football League's leading rusher with 764 yards, was limited to three carries for minus-2 yards in the first half and finished with just 30 yards on 10 carries.

Montana was 13 of 29 for 168 yards, but was just 4-of-16 for 44 yards before leaving the game in favour of Steve Young for San Francisco's final series.

The Bears were helped by the noise from a crowd that forced the 49ers into a four illegal motion calls and two for delay of game.

Dean scores best gross

GEOFF DEAN, the 1986 Kuwait Closed Golf champion, scored the best gross of the day in the October medal, held last Friday at the Hunting & Equestrian Golf Club.

Despite the strong northerly wind, which made scoring difficult, Dean (6) carded 77 to win the best gross trophy.

The best net of the day (68) was carded by Peter Benham (14), who won the Division 'A' medal with a splendid putting performance of 28 putts for the entire round.

The Division 'B' medal was won by S.D. So with a 69 and Division 'C' medal by J.H. Kim, also with a 69.

In the side competition, Peter Davies edged out the best shot of the day from three other competitors to win the nearest to the pin contest on the short 13th hole. Perennial winners Adnan Asaf and Val Nedenstrom were again victors in the longest drive competition for men and ladies, respectively on the loog 3rd hole.

On Friday, Hunting & Equestrian will hold the Sheikh Sabah Trophy competition.

LOCAL CRICKET

Mustafa takes Asim past Super Star

ASIM Cricket Club recovered their winning touch with a 49-run victory over Super Star in a GCL Cup match at the EPI ground on Friday.

Asim scored 155 for nine in the 25 allotted overs and Super Star were only able to reply with 106.

Asim lost their opener Razaq at 17 and Saeed at 25 but captain Gbulam Mustafa and Tariq Mahmood took the score to 78 before Mustafa was out. Mustafa did not score much but just kept his end intact while Tariq hit 28.

Tariq Raza later scored 41 while Khalid hit 14, Arshad 11 and Abdul Rahman 10.

Unbeaten
For Super Star, Tahir, Babar and Sikander took two wickets each.

While batting, Super Star's Zahid was the only batsman to do well hitting an unbeaten 63. Tahir 16 and Babar 10 were the only other batsmen to get into the double figures.

Gbulam Mustafa did the most damage with three wickets for only 16 runs while Waseem took three for 18. Razaq got two wickets while Tariq picked up one.

Gbulam Mustafa was named Man of the Match.

Al Ahli brush aside Lions

AL AHLI Bank crushed Lions Cricket Club by 104 runs in a Lions Trophy cricket tournament match earlier this week at the Yarmouk grounds.

After winning the toss and opting to bat, Al Ahli scored 156 for five in 25 overs. Ayub was the top scorer with 72 while John remained unbeaten on 37. Ayub hit two sixes and eight fours. Abid with 14 and Salim 13 were the other scorers.

Unable
For Lions, Ashraf took three wickets.

Lions were unable to get on to of the Al Ahli bowlers and were huddled out for only 52. Mohammed Salim did the most damage by taking four wickets for only 13 runs.

Ayub, after his excellent performance with the bat, performed remarkably with the ball to take three wickets for 11 runs. Wicketkeeper Sandeeparaya took three catches.

New Young Stars thrash Dash XI

NEW YOUNG STARS beat Dash XI by seven wickets in a friendly match at the Church Ground on Friday.

Dash, batting first after winning the toss, were all out for 76 runs in 21 overs. Tahir Jameel took four wickets for 10 runs. He was well supported by Ishaq who got two wickets for seven runs in five overs while Naser and Rafiq took one each.

In reply, New Young Stars scored the required runs in only 13 overs for the loss of three wickets. Ashfaq hit an unbeaten 25. Fayyaz 24 and Tahir chipped in with 18.

Challenge Cup

THE Cantt Challenge Cup cricket tournament is scheduled to start on Nov 18. A tournament managing committee has been formed in which Babar Waseem is the chief organiser, Sharif general secretary and Waheed Iqbal information secretary. Teams wanting to take part in the tourney can call Babar (Tel. 5719241) or Shahid (5619929).

New Zealand seek victory in India

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Oct. 25, (AP). New Zealand will be aiming to score its first-ever series victory in India when it begins an 11-match cricket tour next week.

The 15-man New Zealand squad, which is scheduled to leave Auckland on Wednesday afternoon, will face the Indians in a three-Test series. New Zealand has lost three previous Test series in India and drawn the other.

The New Zealand team, to be captained by experienced opener John Wright, includes eight players who were in India for last year's World Cup tournament, along with star all-rounder Richard Hadlee, who experienced Indian conditions as a member of Glenn Turner's touring team 12 years ago.

The New Zealand squad includes six players who were members of the young New Zealand team which has just completed a tour of Zimbabwe batsmen Trevor Franklin, Robert Vance, Ken Rutherford and Mark Greatbatch, wicket-keeper batsmen Tony Blair and fast bowler Danny Morrison.

Wright will lead a relatively raw batting lineup. Without ace batsman Martin Crowe, who is recovering from a virus, much will depend on the 34-year-old skipper's tenacity at the top of

the order.

Franklin — his probable Test partner — Vance and Greatbatch, despite a strong initial Test summer against England earlier this year, still have to prove themselves at top level.

Rutherford's century against England at Wellington last season was his first in 14 Test appearances. He was, however, New Zealand's most consistent performer at the World Cup last year, showing fine footwork and technique.

Season

Andrew Jones was the find of the 1987-88 season and will be a key batsman in a line-up short of seasoned campaigners.

New Zealand has three spinners — plus the occasional off-spin of Jones — in John Bracewell, Evan Gray and Chris Kuggeleijn.

Wicketkeeper Ian Smith has backup from Blair and, if needed, Vance, which should lighten his workload.

The tour party contains four fast or medium pace bowlers in Hadlee, Morrison, Ewen Chatfield and Martin Snedden.

In Crowe's absence, Snedden takes over as vice-captain and tour selector, along with Wright and tour coach Bob Cunis.

All-rounder Hadlee, who has made no secret of his dislike of



Hadlee

Indian conditions, has the chance to become the world's highest Test wicket-taker during the tour — an honour he currently shares with England all-rounder Ian Botham.

He needs just one wicket to stand alone at the top.

"My preparation has gone extremely well and I'm very happy with my fitness and form," Hadlee said today.

"Everything has fitted into place. My body has also had the opportunity to have a much-needed rest over the New Zealand winter."

The tour begins with a three-day match against West Zone at Rajkot on Tuesday, Wednesday

and Thursday next week.

In New Delhi, meanwhile, an Indian cricket official said today that Sri Lanka have offered to send their cricket team to India following England's decision to call off a planned tour because of a row over English players' links with South Africa.

Ranbir Singh, secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, said Sri Lankan cricket authorities had offered to send a team to play three Tests, five one-day internationals and two three-day matches.

Singh said he had not yet received an invitation reportedly made by the Pakistani board for a brief tour in January and February.

Firm

"I have only seen Pakistan board secretary Arif Akbar's statements (about the offer) in the newspapers," he said.

He said Pakistan might make a firm offer in Dhaka during the Asia Cup cricket tournament which starts way on Thursday, adding the Sri Lankan offer would probably also be discussed then.

England's Test and County Cricket Board called off their proposed tour after the Indian government refused visas to eight players with South African ties, including captain Graham Gooch.

Hunt out of Canadian Open

TORONTO, Oct. 25, (Reuters). Former world champion Geoff Hunt of Australia was a shock loser to Abdel Hamid Haref of Egypt in the qualifying rounds of the Canadian Open Squash Championships yesterday.

Hunt began positively and won the first two games but lost his composure after a number of calls went against him as he fell 15-9, 15-12, 14-17, 15-11, 15-10 in 50 minutes.

Hunt, also apparently miffed at not being included in the main draw in the first place, flung the ball at the referee as he stormed off court after his surprise defeat.

Lloyd captures ACC and KNDC lead

SIMON LLOYD, sponsored by Like Cola, captured the lead in the ACC and KNDC championships at the Ahmadi kart track on Friday. David Haines (Halliburton) took second place after some spirited driving from Ahmadi's most promising novice driver, while Richard Thomas, back on the track after a knee injury, took third place in the KNDC. Paul Gandy, having a day of problems, still managed to take third place in the Ahmadi Challenge Cup (ACC).

The day's first race, round 5 of the ACC, saw Lloyd in pole position which he held until the chequered flag. Gandy in pursuit of Lloyd took second place and Thomas came third after avoiding a near collision at "Crane Corner" with Haines. Burfoot (Holiday Inn) and Tiffner, also avoiding the "Crane Corner" collision, managed to finish fourth and fifth with Haines sixth and new man Khalaf seventh.

Gandy, Lloyd and Thomas led the second race until Thomas flooded his engine and Lloyd collided with Gandy after a spin at the hairpin. The way was now open for the chasing Haines, who took full advantage of the precious time lost by Lloyd trying to restart, to take first place, with Lloyd second. Gandy and Thomas were now trackside for the remainder of the race along with Bollig (Halliburton) and Burfoot, who had been seized, and Tiffner, who was having brake problems. Fadi Khalaf slipped up the vacant third position for a



The winners (from left): Haines, Lloyd and Thomas

good result.

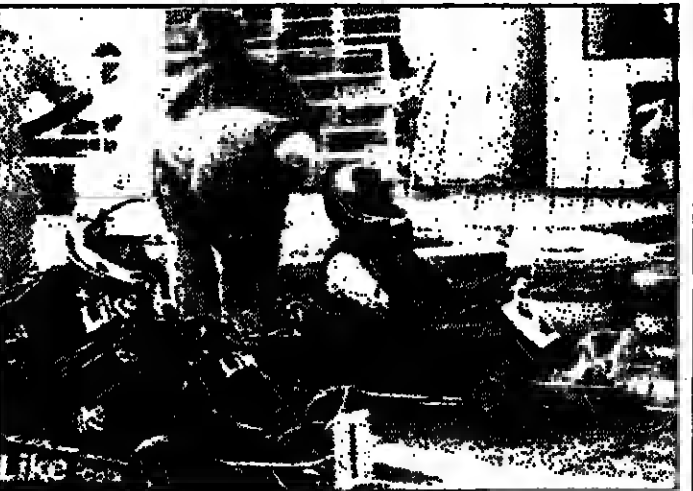
Lloyd again led from pole position in the third race with Gandy chasing hard but making little impression, due to a replacement tyre which was causing yet more problems. Lap four decimated the field.

Thomas, in third place was hard on Gandy's bumper until he pressed too hard at the hairpin and left the track, to collect some desert fauna, rejoining the race, complete with shrubbery, until his engine disintegrated. Haines spun off at "Crane Corner" and Burfoot and Khalaf left the track in a tangle of karts. Bollig, weaving between abandoned karts, carried on to take his best result of the day, third place.

Gandy took pole position for

the fourth race with Lloyd on anti-pole. Gandy led the field for the first lap but was passed on the straight by Lloyd on the second lap and Haines on the third after Gandy's plug cap fell off. Lloyd pulled away to a comfortable lead as Haines and Gandy fought for second place. Gandy was to lose his plug cap on three occasions during the race to take third place, whilst novice Haines drove steadily to take a useful second. The battle for fourth place between Burfoot and Bollig was eventually taken by Lloyd with Burfoot fifth.

The KNDC grid line-up contained the deserved Haines on anti-pole and Lloyd on pole. From the starters flag Lloyd turned the "Esses" first followed by



Gandy (right) and Lloyd at the starting grid.

Haines and Gandy. Thomas joined the front runners from the back row of the grid in the first lap, using his driving experience from last season over the novice drivers.

Lloyd built up a comfortable lead until part of his exhaust dropped away on the fourth lap, after which his engine sounded very loud and somewhat agricultural. The main tussle that held everyone's attention was the struggle for second place as Haines, Thomas and Gandy changed positions.

The situation was resolved when Gandy seized on the eleventh lap and Haines pulled away from the more experienced, but under-powered, Thomas. Bollig came in a steady fourth as

the field dissolved before him. Burfoot was out on the third lap with plug problems. Tiffner retired with brake failure and Khalaf spun out at the hairpin. The finishing order past the flag after twelve laps was Lloyd, Haines, Thomas, Bollig, Gandy, Khalaf, Tiffner and Burfoot.

The next race is on 4th November.

Championship tables after two meetings:

	ACC	KNDC	Novice
Lloyd	69	27	-
Gandy	64	23	-
Haines	53	22	30
Burfoot	43	5	8
Bollig	37	17	24
Hopgania	21	9	-
Thomas	15	10	-
Khalaf	15	7	10
Seel	8	0	0
Tiffner	4	6	9

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Ben Johnson

TORONTO, Oct 25, (AP): Sprinter Ben Johnson, who appeared in court today, will plead on April 24 next year on charges of common assault and possession of a weapon dangerous to the public peace.

English soccer

LONDON, Oct 25, (Reuters): Results of English League soccer matches played yesterday. Division Three: Port Vale 3 Sheffield United 3; Division Four: Stockport 3 Hartlepool 0; Tranmere 1 Lincoln 0.

Ipswich bid

IPSWICH, England, Oct 25, (AP): English Second Division soccer team Ipswich Town is to make a renewed attempt to hire big name players from the Soviet Union, club officials said yesterday.

Sheikh Fahd

KUWAIT, Oct 25, (KUNA): Minister of Defence Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed yesterday received the chairman of Kuwait Football Association Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed and other members of the KFA board. Sheikh Fahd presented a shield to Sheikh Nawaf and thanked the minister, on behalf of Kuwaiti federations and clubs, for his continuous support for sport in the country.

Title fight

SYDNEY, Oct 25, (Reuters): Mexican Marcos Villanueva today withdrew from next month's title fight with World Boxing Council (WBC) featherweight champion Jeff Fenech of Australia because of a rib injury.

Bossy quits

NEW YORK, Oct 25, (Reuters): Mike Bossy, one of the National Hockey League's top scorers during his 10-year career with the New York Islanders, announced his retirement yesterday because of a severe back injury.

Swim meet

ATLANTA, Oct 25, (AP): Atlanta has been selected to host the 1989 swimming meet between the national teams from the United States and the Soviet Union, it was announced yesterday.



RESULTS of the Dunhill Bridge Tournament (4th week) held at the Hilton Hotel on Monday:

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3. Gajjar & Desmond
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1. Dhanraj & Monteiro
2. Aswara & Bayonet
3. Tawil & Sabet

CELTIC MEET WERDER BREMEN

PSV face Porto in opener

EINDHOVEN, Netherlands, Oct 25, (Reuters): Holders PSV Eindhoven can expect a baptism of fire when they belatedly plunge back into European Cup action tomorrow.

The Dutch side begin their defence of the coveted trophy with a tough assignment against Portugal's Porto, their predecessors as champions, having had little opportunity to dust off their European Cup cobwebs.

PSV's last foray in Europe was nearly six months ago — that May night in Stuttgart ending in jubilation with victory over another Portuguese side, Benfica, in the Champions' Cup final. But having received a first-round bye, the holders have been forced to entertain Porto in the opening leg of the second-round clash with their preparations confined to Dutch League matches.

Three times Dutch champions, PSV have failed to recapture the scintillating form they showed last season in gleaming a two-point First Division lead. Porto, European champions

in 1987, have not fared much better. They have scored just 10 goals in 10 League games and scraped into the second round of the competition with a 3-2 aggregate win over Finland's HJK Helsinki.

But the Portuguese side are sure to step up a gear in their bid for victory and a quarterfinal place which could spark another sizzling season.

Drop

PSV trainer Guus Hiddink said that he regretted the two sides had been brought together so early in the competition.

"We woe everything we could last season so it's normal that our performance should drop a little," Hiddink said. "People are expecting us to do even better this year, which is just not possible."

PSV, who became the third Dutch side to win the European Cup by beating Benfica on penalties, will be without new Brazilian striker Romario Faria, signed from Rio's Vasco Da Gama for \$2.8 million but ineligible for both legs.

They will also need defender

Ronald Koeman to recapture his inspirational best if they are to thwart the Portuguese and progress.

AC Milan seem set to employ a less than fit Ruud Gullit in a bid to rediscover their scoring touch against Yugoslavia's Red Star Belgrade.

The formidable Italian side, regarded by many as favourites to land the Cup for the first time since 1969, begin their bid for a quarterfinal place having been held to a goalless League draw by humble Lazio on Sunday.

Gullit, Milan's lynchpin and the foundation of the Dutch national side's European Championship success, looked tired against Lazio after an injury-enforced absence. He is expected to split the match with Roberto Donadoni, who is suffering from a swollen knee.

But Gullit's compatriots Frank Rijkaard and Marco van Basten and Italian marksman Antonio Virdis should secure Milan's passage with few problems against a Yugoslav side which has never progressed

beyond the semifinals of the competition.

Scotland's Celtic, champions 21 years ago, also face a tricky opening leg against West Germans Werder Bremen — a match in which Parkhead's unique atmosphere is sure to play a role.

Six-time European Cup winners Real Madrid also face a potentially awkward trip to Poland where they face Gornik Zabrze in their first leg tie.

But Real's Spanish rivals Barcelona entertain Polish side Lech Poznan in their European Cup Winners' Cup clash, still smarting from a 3-2 defeat against Real on Saturday.

Anxious

The defeat displaced Barcelona at the top of the Spanish League and coach Johan Cruyff is anxious his side bounce back immediately with a first-leg win handsome enough to all but guarantee their place in the competition's last eight.

"They don't offer anything spectacular but they're difficult to beat and we'll have to be careful," Cruyff said of Lech.

Australian America's Cup campaigns unite

PERTH, Australia, Oct 25, (Reuters): Australia's two declared challenges for the next America's Cup have united under the boxing kangaroo banner of 1983 Cup victory Alan Bond.

Bond will head a two yacht challenge, one through the former Cup holders the Royal Perth Yacht Club, the other through Sydney's Cruising Yacht Club of Australia under an agreement announced in Perth today.

The Bond syndicate merged with Sydney businessman Paul Ramsay. The pair boast Australia's most experienced yachtsmen from veterans of the successful Australia II challenge in Newport five years ago to last year's unsuccessful defence against San Diego skipper Dennis Conner on Stars and Stripes.

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Kasparov wins world tourney

REYKJAVIK, Oct 25, (Reuters): Soviet world champion Garry Kasparov won the World Cup chess tournament in Iceland despite rarely capturing his best form.

Kasparov took the \$20,000 first prize after drawing his final game with Yugoslav grandmaster Predrag Nikolic.

Soviet master Alexander Bejarsky, equal with Kasparov before yesterday's final round, lost to former world champion Boris Spassky of France and had to be content with second place.

Soviet former world cham-

ption Mikhail Tal came third.

Kasparov looked to indifferent form throughout most of the three-week tournament but put on a final sprint towards the end, winning three of his last four games.

Meanwhile, a playoff for the Soviet chess title has been called off and arch-rivals Kasparov and Anatoly Karpov will share the award, a Moscow newspaper said yesterday.

The Soviet Chess Federation decided at a plenary meeting on Saturday to scrap plans for the two men to contest a four-game

playoff starting on December 25, Vecheraya Moskva said.

"The plenum called off the match," the newspaper said. "Grandmasters Anatoly Karpov and Garry Kasparov are the 1988 USSR champions."

The two both scored 11.5 points at the Soviet Chess Championships which ended on August 18. Although the two had played against each other 130 times, the Moscow tournament was their first contest for the Soviet title.

Karpov lost the world championship to Kasparov in 1985.

Mecir tames Reneberg

PARIS, Oct 25, (Reuters): Miloslav Mecir of Czechoslovakia, his confidence boosted by last month's Olympic triumph, had few problems advancing to the second round of the \$1.1 million — Paris Open last night.

Mecir, gold medalist in Seoul where tennis returned to the Olympic fold after an absence of 64 years, beat American Richey Reneberg 6-3 6-4 in the world's richest indoor Grand Prix.

"It gave me a lot of confidence to win in Seoul," he said afterwards. "That was something special for me and for the people in my country."

"They feel the Olympics are

the biggest sports event. They know it better than Wimbledon. I'm not saying it's more difficult to win or more important than Wimbledon, but the people are very happy about it."

Sweden's Jonas Svensson, the only other seed in action, had an easy enough 6-4 6-1 win over American David Pate.

But it was not a disastrous day for all Americans. Aaron Krickstein avenged his US Open quarterfinal defeat to Austrian Darren Cahill with a 7-6 7-6 victory and Paul Annacone beat Sergio Casal of Spain 6-4 6-2.

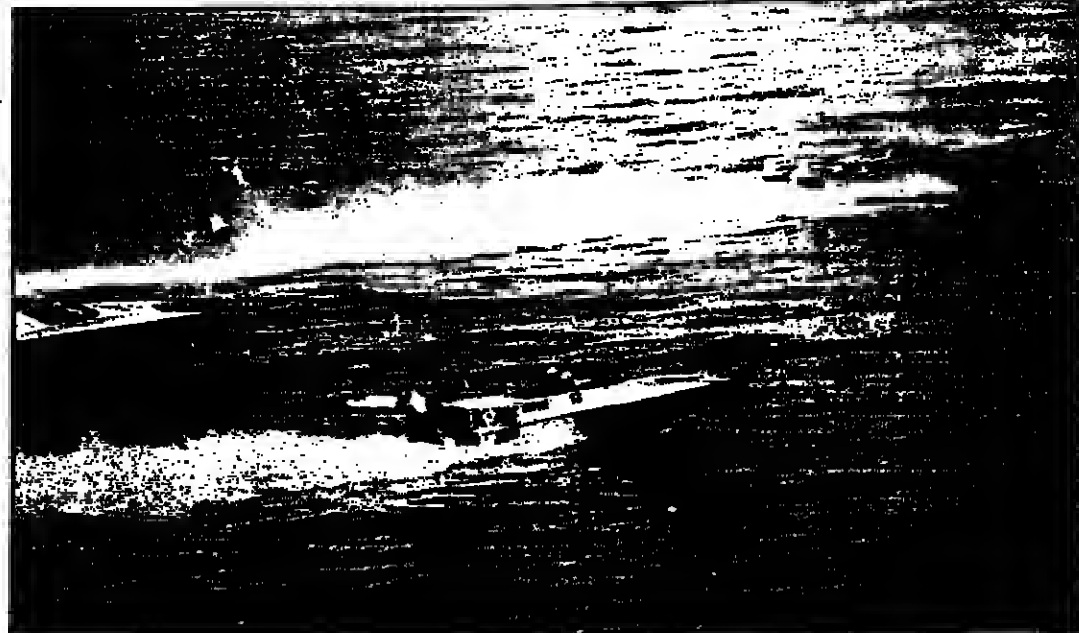
Top seed and world number one Mats Wilander of Sweden is out due to play until tomorrow.

Frazier and Cioffi triumph

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct 25, (Reuters): Fifteen-year-old American Amy Frazier upset fifth-seeded Helen Kelesi of Canada 7-5 6-4 in the opening round of the \$100,000 Indianapolis women's tennis tournament yesterday.

Frazier, ranked 64 in the world, used accurate groundstrokes to keep Kelesi out of position during the baseline duel.

Seventh-seeded Halle Cioffi of the US, the defending champion, outplayed Japan's Akiko Kijimuta 6-1 6-3, and Gretchen Magers defeated her fellow-American Stephanie Reece 6-2 6-3 in other first-round matches.



A shot from last year's race.

Al Ansari importing new boat

By Gail Seery

WITH only one day to go before the 3rd Bi-annual Kuwait Off-shore Powerboat Race, one new driver, Ahmed Al Ansari, is rushing to make sure he can participate in the event. He is importing a 24ft white and red Tigercat from Dubai, but this was, until yesterday, still tied up in customs.

As soon as the boat arrives he will be working on fixing the engines. Most of the wiring and instrumentation has been prepared in Dubai, but the job will take Al Ansari at least five hours, leaving little time for pre-race practice with his brother Khaled, who will be his throttleman for the race. As soon as the boat is finished he intends to start testing it, but time is short, particularly as he has to be present at a drivers' briefing at the Messilah Beach Hotel this evening, and at scrutineering at Sha'ab slipway tomorrow morning.

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ing. Al Ansari will be racing with two 200hp engines, which does not put him into a power range where he can expect to lead the field in calm conditions. This is his first race. "I like the sport — I watched the last race, and have a 22ft Glastron. I tried with a 260hp normal engine, then went up to 330, but I was not satisfied. I then used 2 x 200s, and with the Glastron was getting only 67mph."

This is not fast enough to compete realistically in a race of this sort, so Al Ansari sent to Dubai for a Tigercat. He has not tried the combination of engines and hull, so is not sure how much power he will actually have at his disposal during the race.

Smooth. Al Ansari does not expect to be at the front if the weather is calm. "I want it to be choppy, not smooth. That way the ability of the drivers will count, and not just the engine power. I am sure I will bring a better result in those

conditions. I will try and bring better engines before the next race."

Al Ansari feels that he has good rough weather experience, and is clearly drawn to sports where there is an element of danger. Although very much a novice compared with drivers like Salem Mohammed Juma and Khaled Bakhit, a race of this kind has an element of luck attached.

Al Ansari is determined that his next race, after Kuwait, will be in Dubai in December. With other drivers, including Hossam Al Sayaf and Mishal Al Jarallah also planning to go, it looks like there will be a strong Kuwait contingent for the race.

Khalifa Al Qutami, reckoned to be one of the strongest Kuwait drivers, who raced under Perrier sponsorship last time, has entered Friday's race, and will certainly be a man to be reckoned with.

The race will start from Messilah Beach Hotel, at 1 pm.

Sweden drop Limpar

STOCKHOLM, Oct 25, (Reuters): Swedish soccer manager Olof Nordin said today he had dropped midfielder Anders Limpar from the squad for next week's World Cup Group Two qualifier against Albania in Tirana.

The squad is otherwise unchanged from last week when Sweden held England to a 0-0 draw at Wembley.

"I am not too sure about Anders because a problem with his back has kept him from a full programme of training," Nordin said after announcing the squad.

Limpar, who plays for the Swiss side Young Boys, was not picked for the team which thwarted all England's scoring chances

during the home side's opening qualifier last Wednesday.

Sweden were content to block with a dogged defence and Fiorentina's Glenn Hysen made an outstanding contribution at the back.

In Group Two, England and Sweden both trail Poland, who beat Albania to establish an early advantage.

Swedish squad: Sven Andersson; Thomas Ravelli, Glenn Hysen, Peter Larsson, Roger Ljung, Peter Lonn, Roland Nilsson, Dennis Schiller, Joakim Nilsson, Robert Prytz, Stefan Rehn, Glenn Stromberg, Jonas Thern, Johnny Ekstrom, Hans Eskilsson, Jan Hellstrom, Hans Holmquist, Stefan Pettersson.

Lawrenson sacked as Oxford manager

LONDON, Oct 25, (Reuters): Former Liverpool and Ireland defender Mark Lawrenson was sacked as Oxford soccer manager today after a row over the sale of Welsh international striker Dean Saunders.

Lawrenson, who became Oxford manager last April when injury ended his playing career, threatened to quit yesterday.

He said he had not been consulted by Oxford chairman Kevin Maxwell over the £1 million (\$1.75 million) transfer of Saunders from the Second Division club to First Division Derby, whose chairman is Kevin's father, millionaire publisher Robert Maxwell.

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